The Decade of Dana

A Journey of Philanthropy, Infrastructure, and Dhamma (2013–2024)

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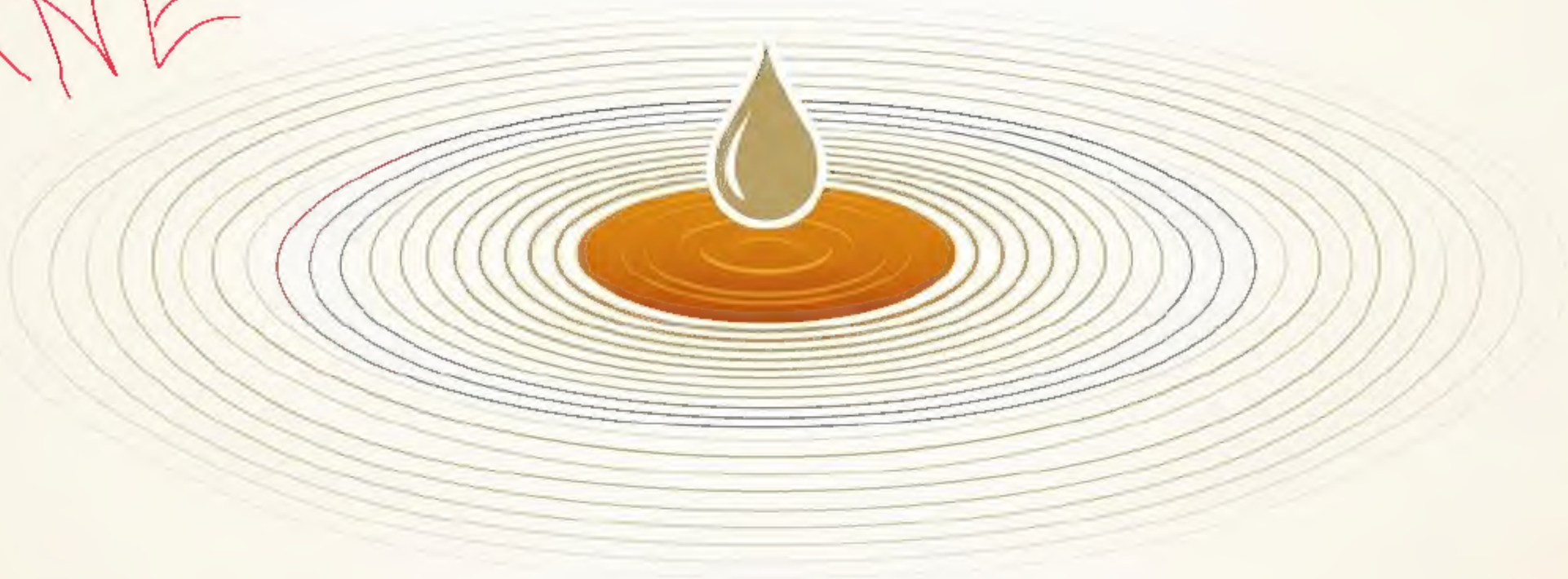

Documenting the compounding evolution of merit (Pin Potha) from spontaneous compassion to systemic spiritual infrastructure.

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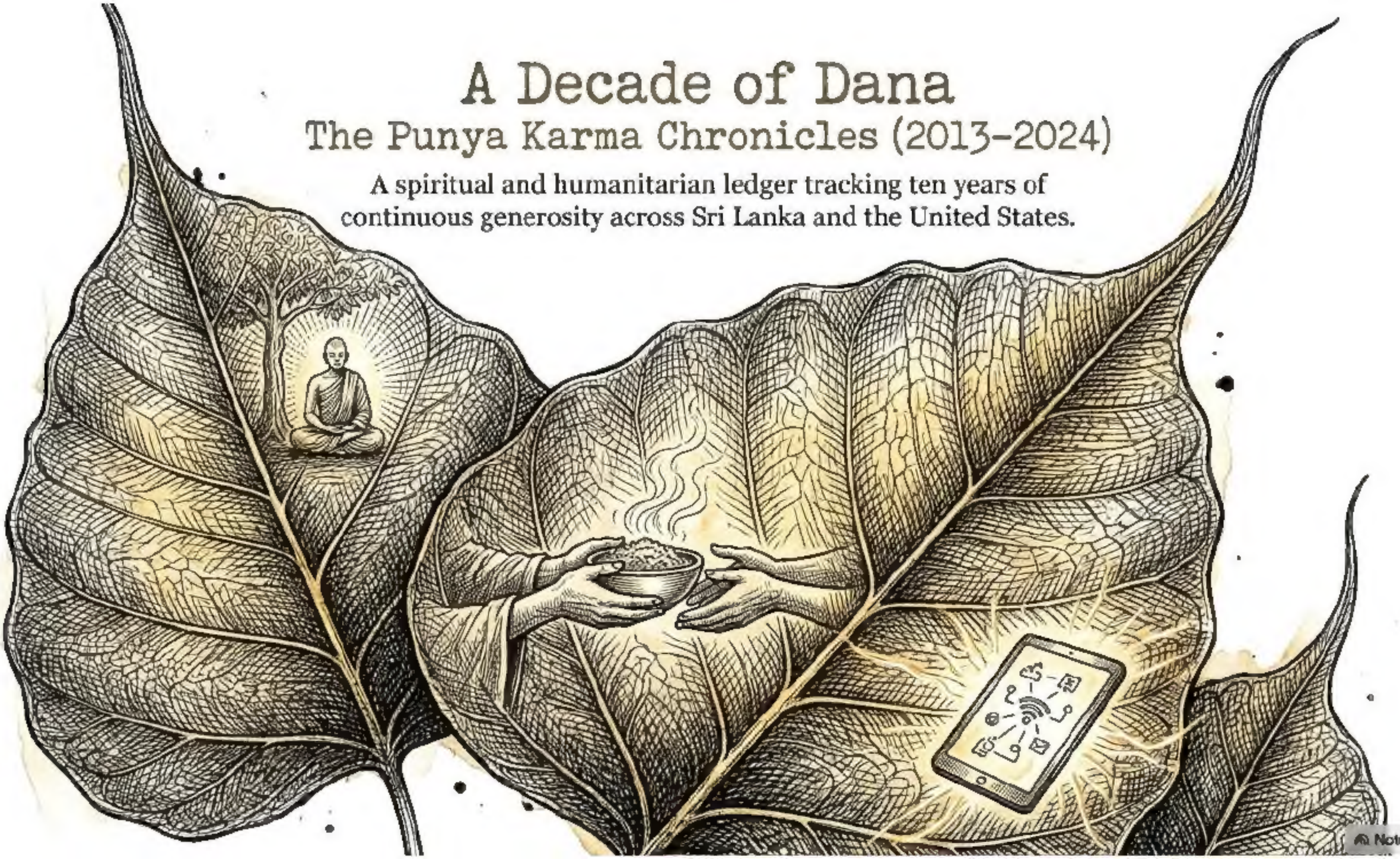
A Decade of Dana

The Punya Karma Chronicles (2013–2024)

A spiritual and humanitarian ledger tracking ten years of continuous generosity across Sri Lanka and the United States.



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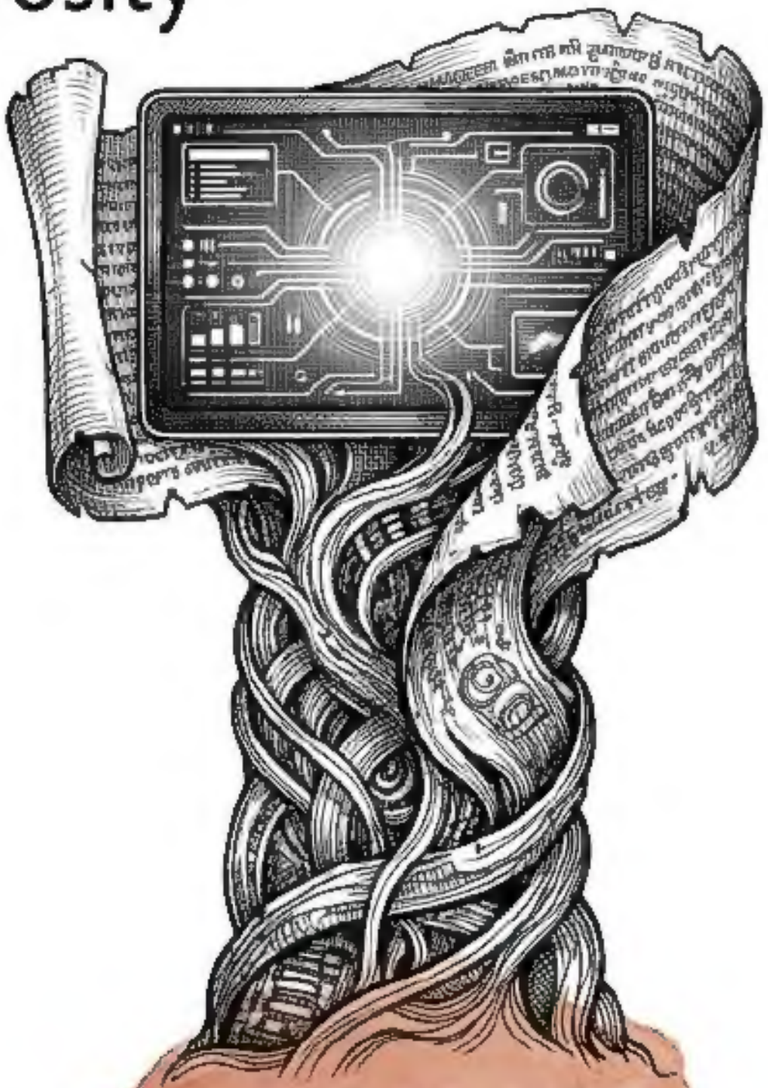
The Three Pillars of Generosity

Humanitarian Relief

Addressing foundational human needs. Medical aid, sanitation infrastructure, dry rations, and disaster restoration.

Monastic Sustenance

Supporting the Sangha's physical journey. Travel logistics, shelter, electricity, and essential requisites for retreats (Vassavana).



Dhamma Propagation

Ensuring the survival and broadcast of the teachings. Preservation of ancient texts, digital equipment, broadband access, and television sponsorships.

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The Path of Illumination

2023–2024: The Great Restoration.
Fortifying the ultimate fortress of Dhamma broadcasting sgainst catastrophic floods.
2021–2022: The Digital Enlightenment.
Broadcasting ancient wisdom globally through electronics, broadband, and mass logistics.
2019–2020: Infrastructure Amidst the Storm.
Raising physical sanctuaries and outhouses as global pandemic trials began.
2013–2018: Foundational Compassion.
Direct humanitarian aid and the first technological artifacts of Dhamma.

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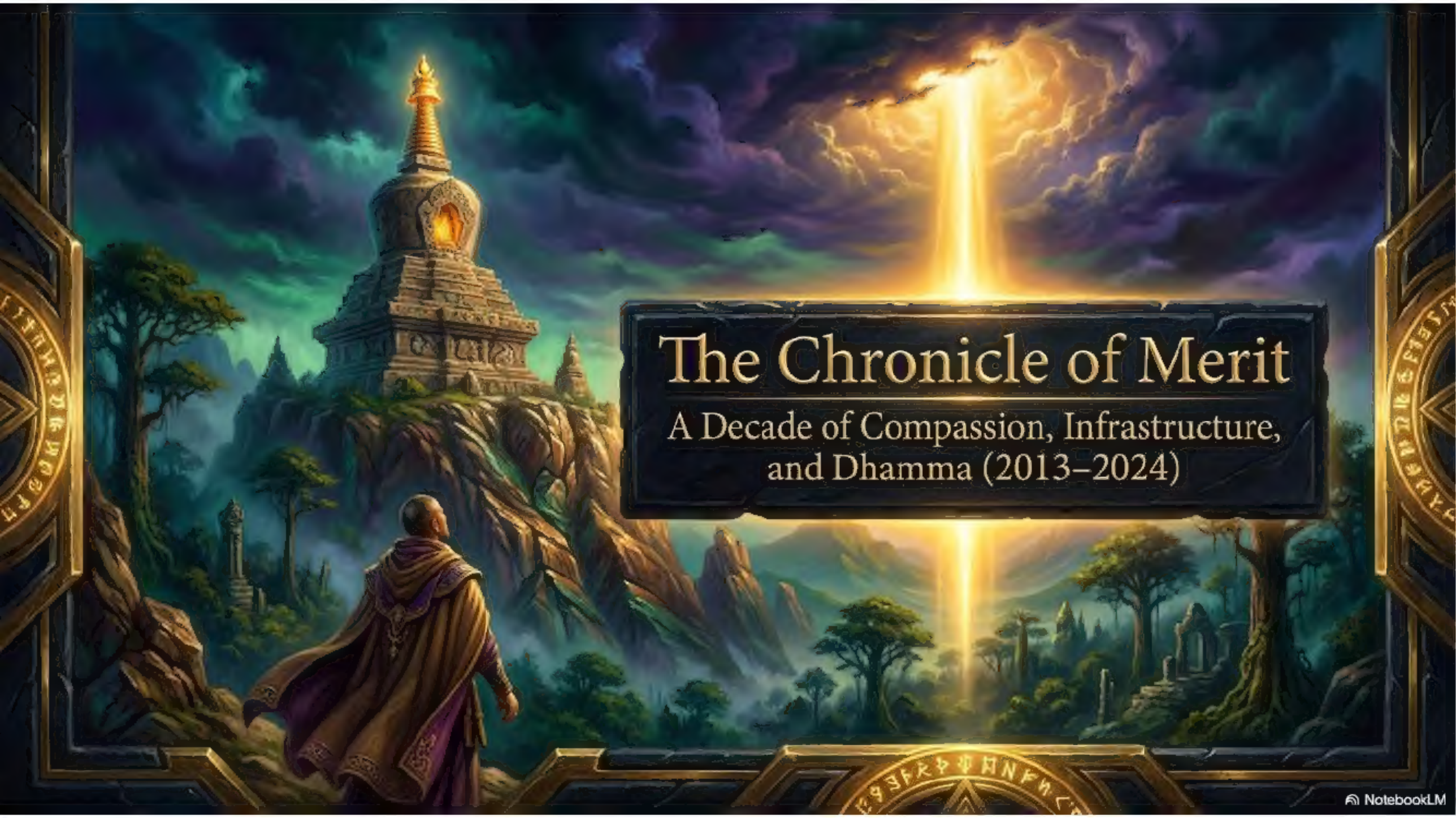
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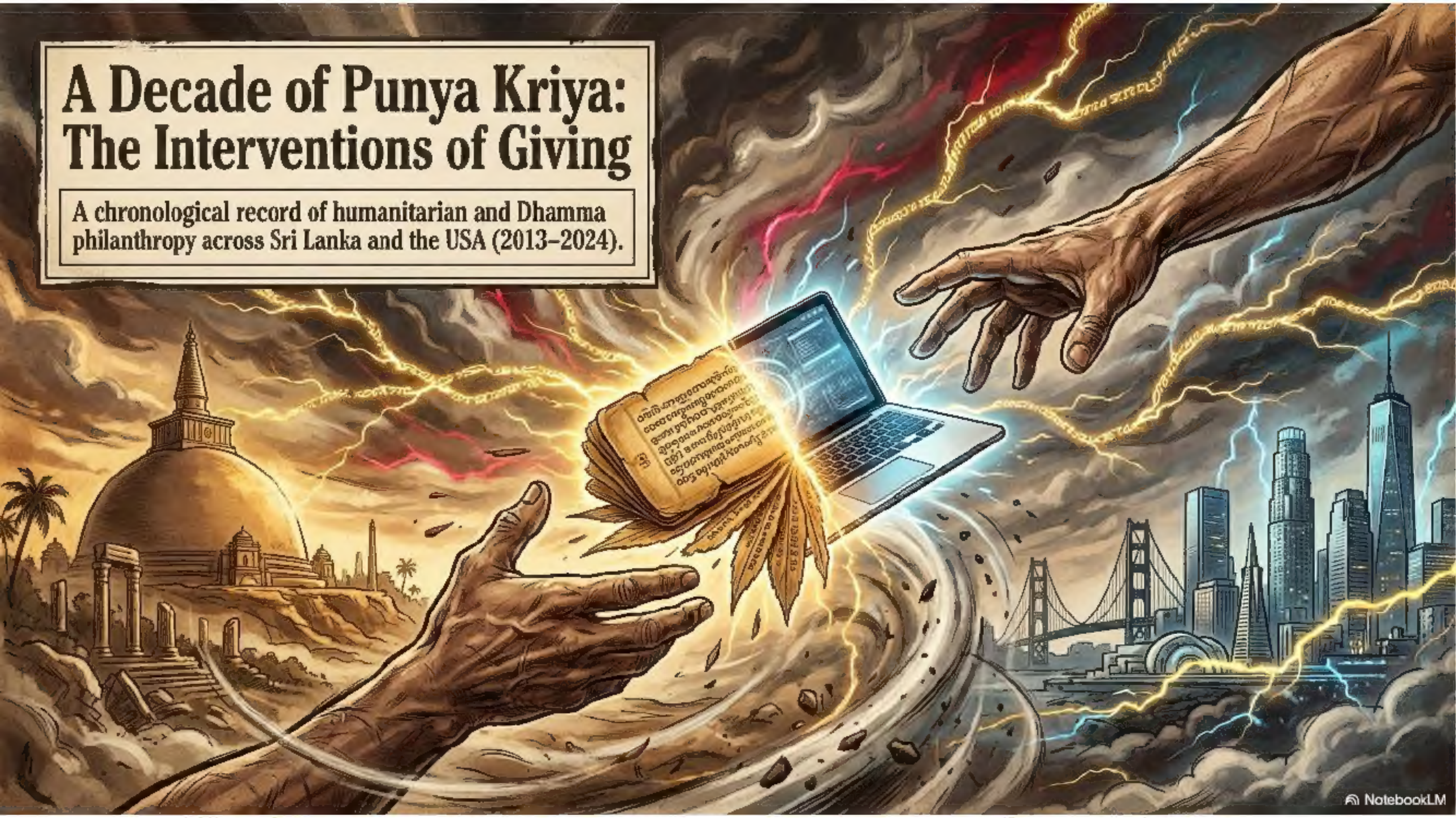
A Decade of Punya Kriya:
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Ancient notes

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The dual nature of true charity requires sustaining the body and illuminating the mind.

Material Light *(Amisa Dana)*

Focus: Physical sustenance, dignity, and sanctuary.

- Funding medical operations
- Constructing outhouses and temple toilets
- Providing dry rations during crises
- Financing flood restoration

Spiritual Light *(Dhamma Dana)*

Focus: Preservation, broadcast, and infrastructure of knowledge.

- Donating laptops for sermon transcription
- Rescuing ancient Ola-leaf manuscripts
- Funding broadband for monasteries
- Fully electrifying Dhamma halls

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Illuminating the Path:
A Decade of Merit
A twelve-year retrospective detailing quiet acts of giving, the construction of physical sanctuaries, and the preservation of the Dhamma. From 2013 to 2024, this log documents a sustained effort to bring light into spaces of need—both material and spiritual.
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The Philosophy of the June Offerings

Relief for the Body

Humanitarian interventions focused on **physical well-being.** Spanning emergency medical aid, infrastructure construction (outhouses, toilets), and food security for vulnerable communities.

Over a decade, the month of June organically transformed into an annual engine of generosity—a dedicated period for accumulating and dedicating merit.

Relief for the Mind

Dhamma infrastructure designed for longevity. Encompassing technology for monastics, preservation of ancient texts, and national broadcasting of profound teachings.

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Measuring Generosity: The Time-Value Metric

Traditional philanthropy measures impact in raw currency. However, currency fluctuates and loses contextual weight across borders.

Time-Value Impact Scale

[Donation Amount] = [X Months of Living Expenses in Sri Lanka]

Throughout this journey, impact is measured by a more profound standard: Time. Donations are quantified by how many Months of Living Expenses they provide to a standard individual in Sri Lanka.

By measuring gifts in "months of life sustained," the focus shifts from the financial transaction to the actual human freedom and relief granted to the recipient.

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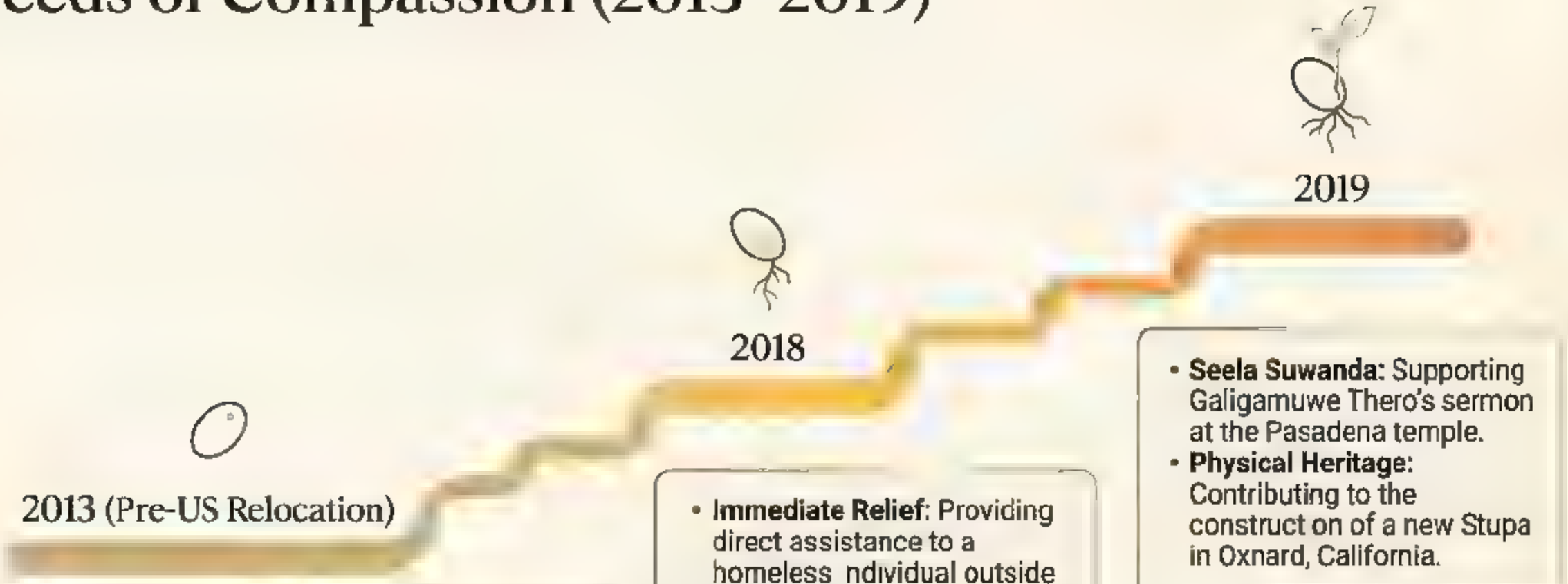
Seeds of Compassion (2013–2019)



2013 (Pre-US Relocation)

- **The Bus Encounter:** Spontaneous fund ng for a young woman's leg operation after meeting her on public transit.
- **Maharagama:** Financial contribution to the Maharagama Cancer Hospital.

2018

- **Immediate Relief**: Providing direct assistance to a homeless ndividual outside a Walmart

2019

- **Seela Suwanda:** Supporting Galigamuwe Thero's sermon at the Pasadena temple.
- **Physical Heritage:** Contributing to the construct on of a new Stupa in Oxnard, California.

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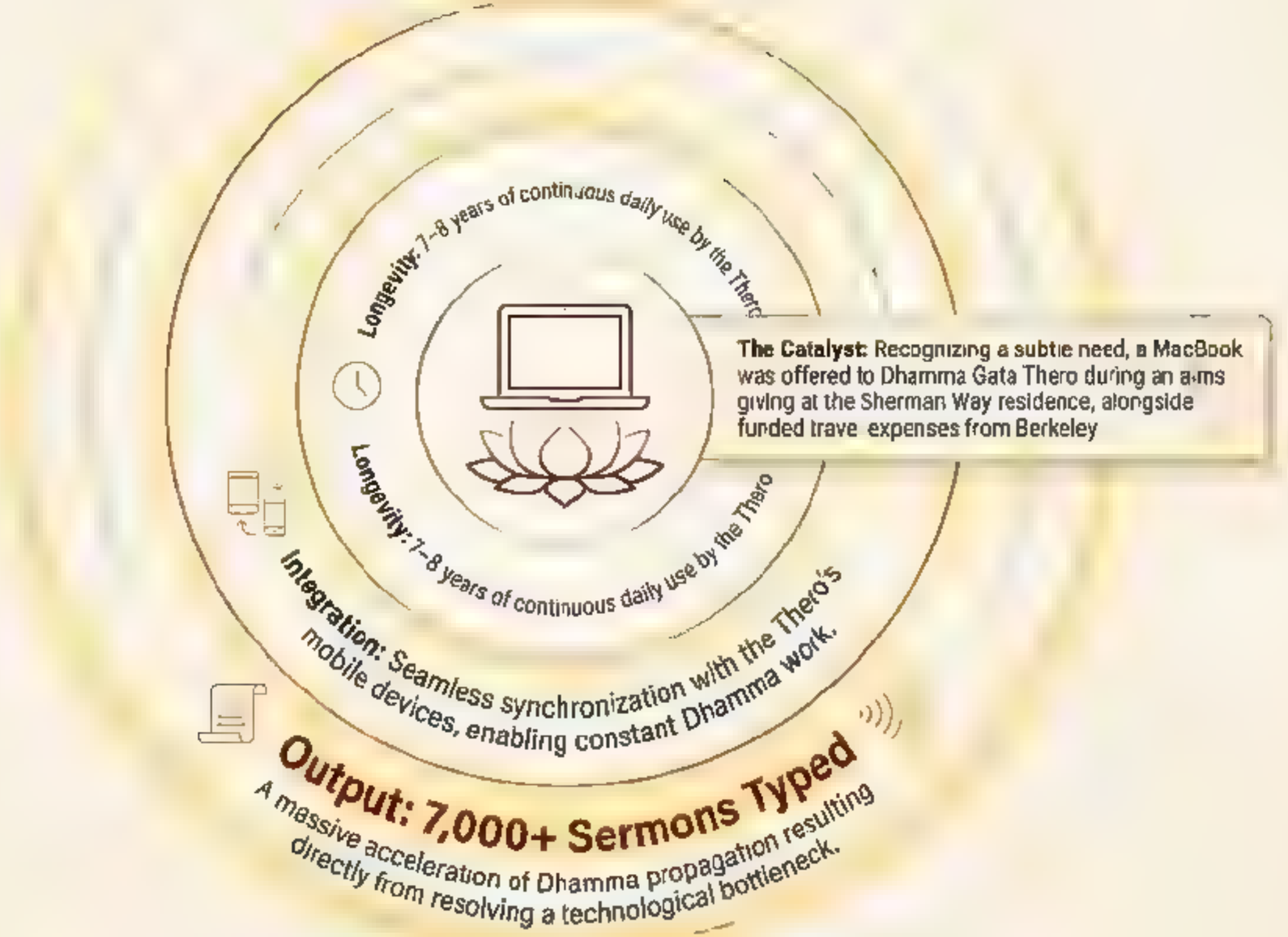
The First Tech Ripple (June 2018)


Longevity: 7–8 years of continuous daily use by the Thero
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The Catalyst: Recognizing a subtle need, a MacBook was offered to Dhamma Gata Thero during an alms giving at the Sherman Way residence, alongside funded trave expenses from Berkeley
Integration: Seamless synchronization with the Thero's mobile devices, enabling constant Dhamma work.
Output: 7,000+ Sermons Typed
A massive acceleration of Dhamma propagation resulting directly from resolving a technological bottleneck.

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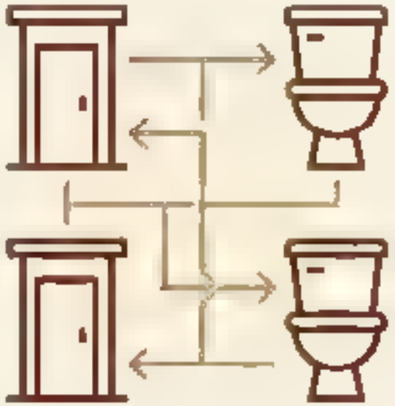
Scaling Impact During Crisis (2020)

Immediate humanitarian relief and structural support during the pandemic.

Panel 1: Dignity & Infrastructure



- **Ampara Forests:** Constructed 10 outhouses for forest-dwelling monks, providing clean sanitation where none existed. (Impact: 3 months of SL living costs).
- **Fresno Temple:** Funded the construction of 2 complete, modern toilets.

Panel 2: Sustained Livelihoods

- **Sasunnda Wasda Aswaduma:** Placed trust in local organizers to distribute funds without micromanagement, avoiding attachment (eliminating Upaklesha/Panchaka Dhamma).
- **Impact:** Funded half a month's living cost, seven times over (Total: 3.5 months of SL living costs).

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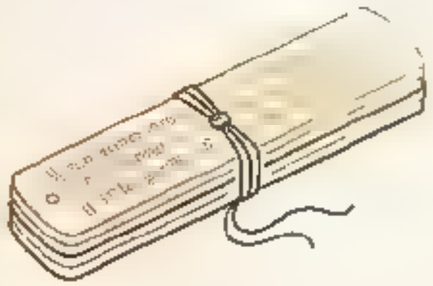
Preserving the Heritage: The Ola Leaf Initiative

Stage 1: Intervention (The Input)



Kassapa Thero identified vital, vulnerable Ola leaf manuscripts held by non-Buddhist communities. The immediate need was acquisition and protection.

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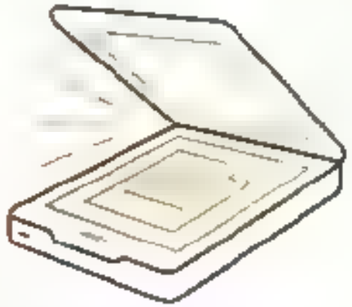
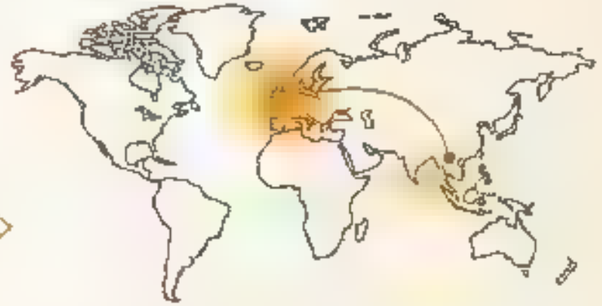
Stage 2: Preservation (The Output)



The ancient texts were successfully secured and chemically conserved.

Stage 3: Evolution (The Legacy)



The initial preservation sparked a much larger initiative. It evolved into a dedicated scanning project, with Kassapa Thero eventually taking the digitized archive to the UK for advanced cross-referencing and study.

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Sustaining the Sangha in Isolation (2020–2021)

Grassroots Sustenance (Sri Lanka)

The Action: After seeing Facebook images of dwindling raw food supplies, joined a community effort to feed 40 Anagarika nuns across 10 different ashrams.

The Impact: 2.5 months of SL living costs donated to ensure food security for isolated practitioners.

Institutional Survival (California)

The Action: The Bodhi Vihara in California, which had graciously hosted 18-day, 30-day, and two 7-day alms offerings, faced pandemic operational hurdles.

The Impact: Sponsored a full month of the Vihara's overarching operational and insurance costs. (Equivalent to 6 full months of SL living costs).

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The Evolution of Giving: A Strategic Shift

How spontaneous compassion matured into systemic Dhamma architecture.

The Catalyst Matrix

	Early Phase (2013–2019)	Strategic Phase (2020–2024)
Mode of Action	Reactive & Spontaneous	Proactive, Planned & Systemic
Primary Focus	Direct physical relief (medical, ad-hoc meals)	Long-term infrastructure (tech, electricity, mass media)
Expected Longevity	Immediate / Short-term	Generational (Digitization, Enduring facilities)
Scale of Impact	Individual recipients	Entire monastic communities and national audiences

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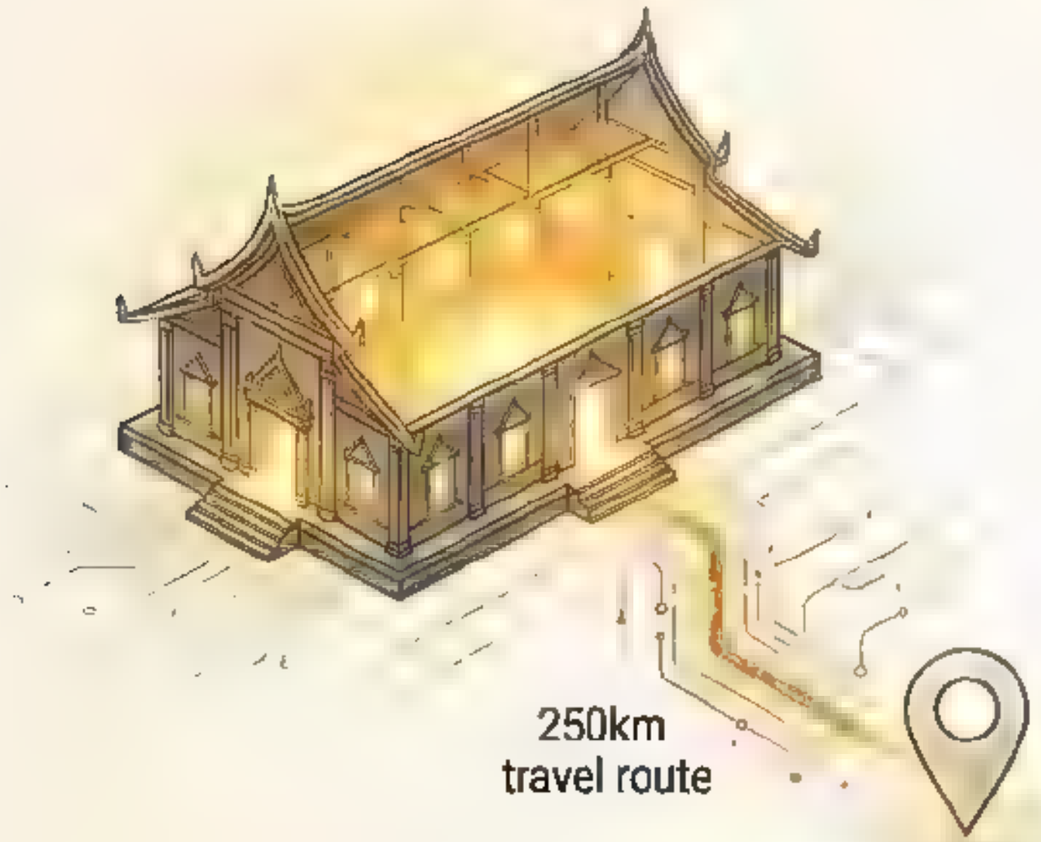
Architecting the Dhamma: Illuminating Ashrams (2022)



Visualizing the compounding merit:
From physical light to digita reach.

Initiative 1: The Aloka Pooja (Complete Wiring)

- Samahita Thero's Dhamma Hall required completion. Funded the complete electrical wiring and lighting installation for the facility.
- **Impact**: 2 months of SL living costs, transforming a dark structure into a fully functional teaching space.

Initiative 2: Removing Friction for Isolated Monks

- Supported Ekachariya Thero, allowing him to travel 250km to a new ashram for the Vassa (Rain Retreat).
- Funded dedicated broadband connections to facilitate continuous Dhamma study and content creation.
- **Impact**: 2 months of SL living costs. Followed up by donating a laptop in subsequent years.

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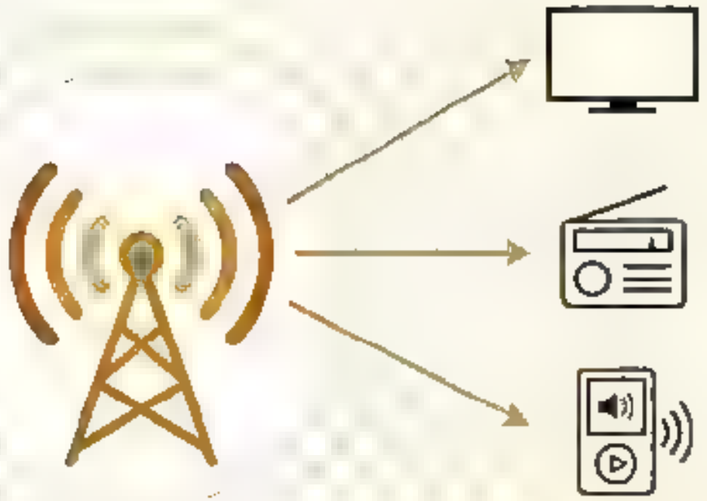
Mass Media & Deep Dhamma (2021–2022)



Sponsoring Profound Teachings

- Funded TV broadcasts of Vanchaka Dhamma (deceptive mental states) for July and September (1.5 months SL living cost), bringing highly complex, niche teachings to a mainstream audience.
- Sponsored 6 sermons by Sucheerananda Thero on Patthana Dhamma, boosting deeply revered teachings on the Dhamma Audio Library.

Translating & Archiving

- Motivated and funded the translation of Puggala Pannatti and Vanchaka Dhamma texts into English, ensuring their integration into modern audio book libraries for global access.

Empowering Nunneries

- Donated 9 complete sets of Renukane Theros essential Dhamma books to various nunneries to support rigorous study.

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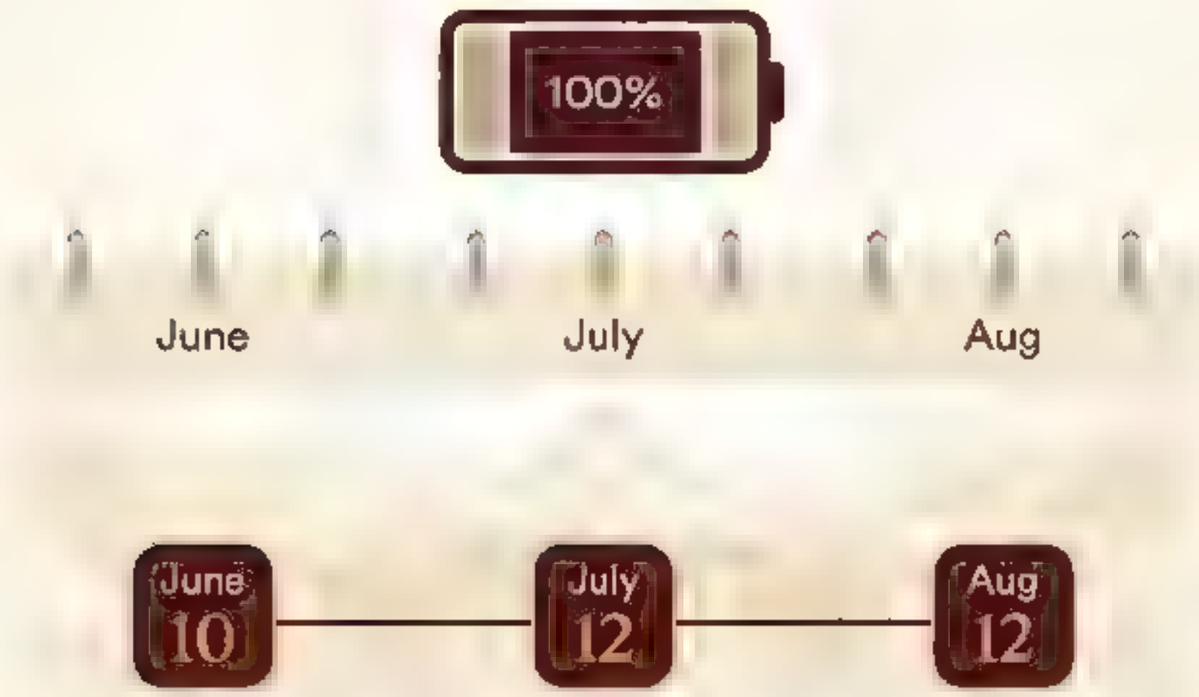
The Kinithulagala Ashram Sustenance (2022)



The Context

15 monks engaged in intensive, continuous daily studies of the Abhidhamma, Dhamma Pada, and complex dialogues.

The Sustenance Package

- Sponsored 3 full months of high-speed internet and electricity to ensure uninterrupted access to study materials.
- Funded 34 days of complete alms (meals) specifically timed across June, July, and August to sustain the monks through grueling study schedules.

The Impact

A massive logistical undertaking requiring 6 months of SL living costs, ensuring the monks could focus entirely on profound Dhamma study without material concerns.

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The 2024 Capstones: Roots and Rebuilding

Honoring the Roots (IMC)

- **Traveled on-site** for Vesak donations at IMC—the exact location where the donors first learned retreat-mode meditation. A gesture of returning to and honoring the foundation of their practice.

Rebuilding the Broadcast Engine (Shraddha TV)

- **The Crisis:** Shraddha TV headquarters (the channel that initially taught the donors the Dhamma) was severely flooded.
- **The Intervention:** Partnered with Subodhi Thero to fund 2% (1/50th) of the entire flood restoration project.
- **The Impact:** The facility was rebuilt with flood-resistant engineering. Donation equaled 5.5 months of SL living costs.

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The Geographic Footprint of Generosity

California Hubs: Pasadena (Sermon support), Fresno (Temple infrastructure), Berkeley (Monastic travel funding), Oxnard (Stupa construction).

Sri Lanka Hubs: Ampara (Forest outhouses), Badulla, Maharagama (Cancer hospital), Colombo (English Dhamma Center), Kalutara.

Dana knows no borders. Over 11 years, resources generated in the United States were surgically deployed to preserve heritage, sustain monastics, and build infrastructure 9,000 miles away.

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Synthesis & Dedication of Merit

Over 38+ Months of Living Costs Donated.

(Representing more than 3 entire years of human financial freedom given away to sustain the Sangha and the Dhamma).

The Spiritual Architecture

This decade was not merely about writing checks; it was about paying for monks' internet so they could study, building toilets so they could live with dignity, and preserving Ola leaves so the Dhamma outlives us all.

Concluding Reflection

By facilitating the path for others, we clear the path for ourselves. May the merit of this decade inspire sympathetic joy (Mudita3) in all who read this Pin Potha.

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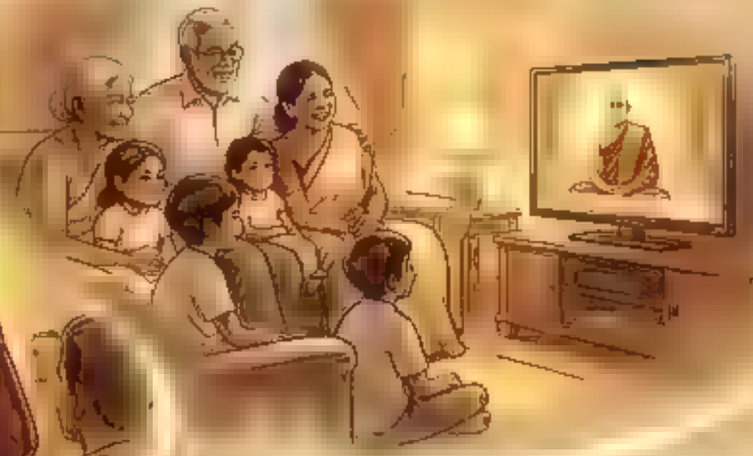

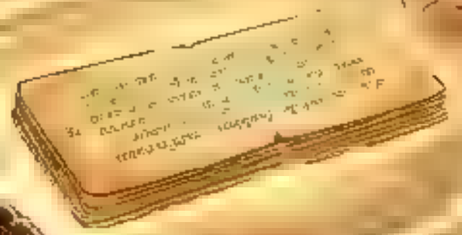

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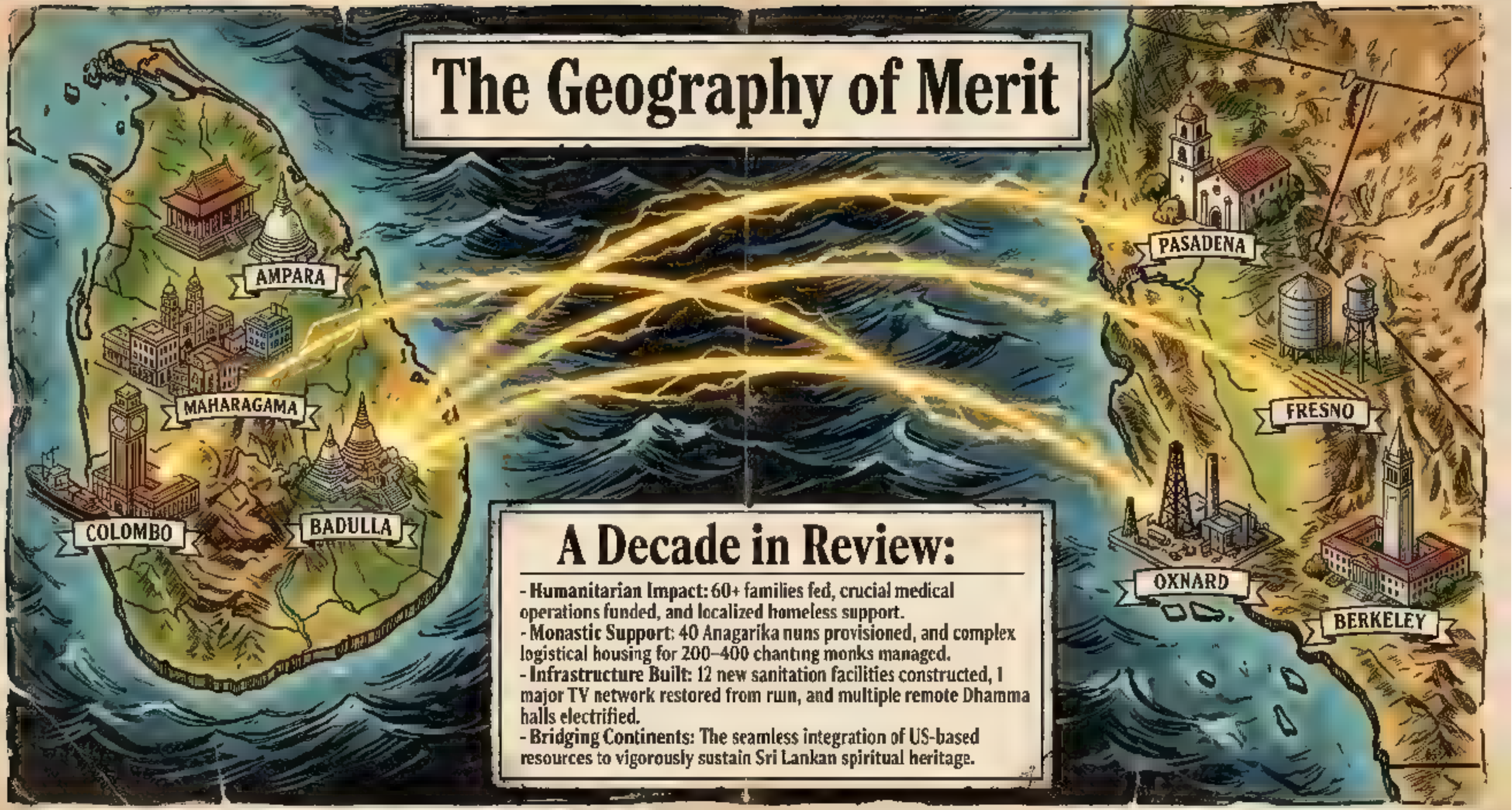
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- Monastic Support: 40 Anagarika nuns provisioned, and complex logistical housing for 200–400 chanting monks managed.
- Infrastructure Built: 12 new sanitation facilities constructed, 1 major TV network restored from ruin, and multiple remote Dhamma halls electrified.
- Bridging Continents: The seamless integration of US-based resources to vigorously sustain Sri Lankan spiritual heritage.

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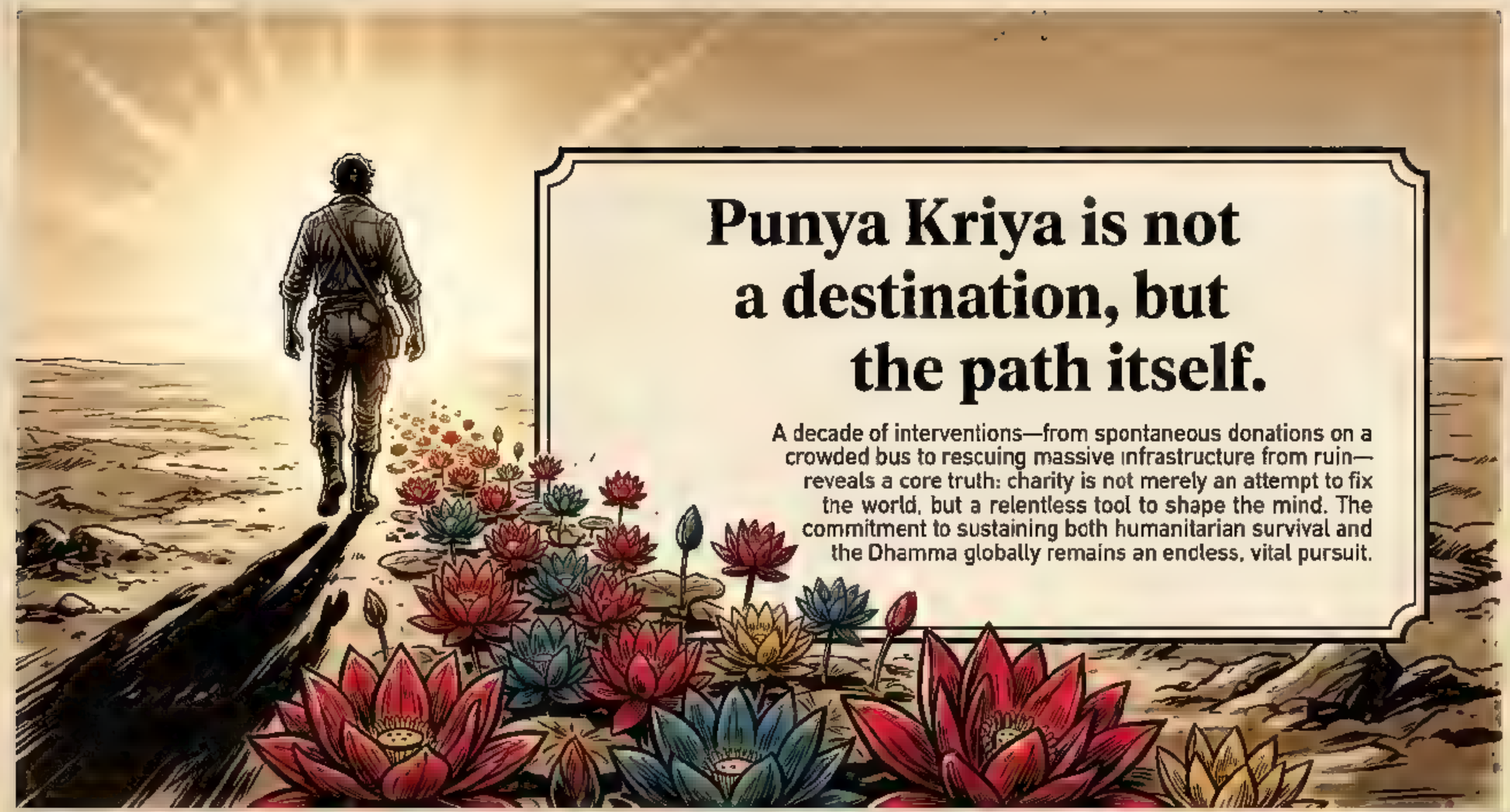
Punya Kriya is not a destination, but the path itself.
A decade of interventions—from spontaneous donations on a crowded bus to rescuing massive infrastructure from ruin—reveals a core truth: charity is not merely an attempt to fix the world, but a relentless tool to shape the mind. The commitment to sustaining both humanitarian survival and the Dhamma globally remains an endless, vital pursuit.

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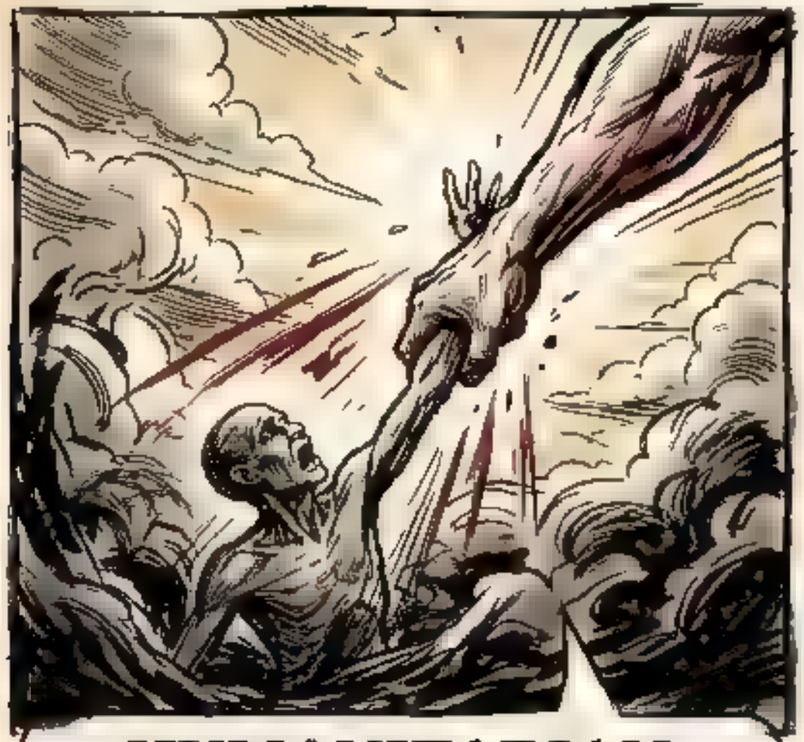
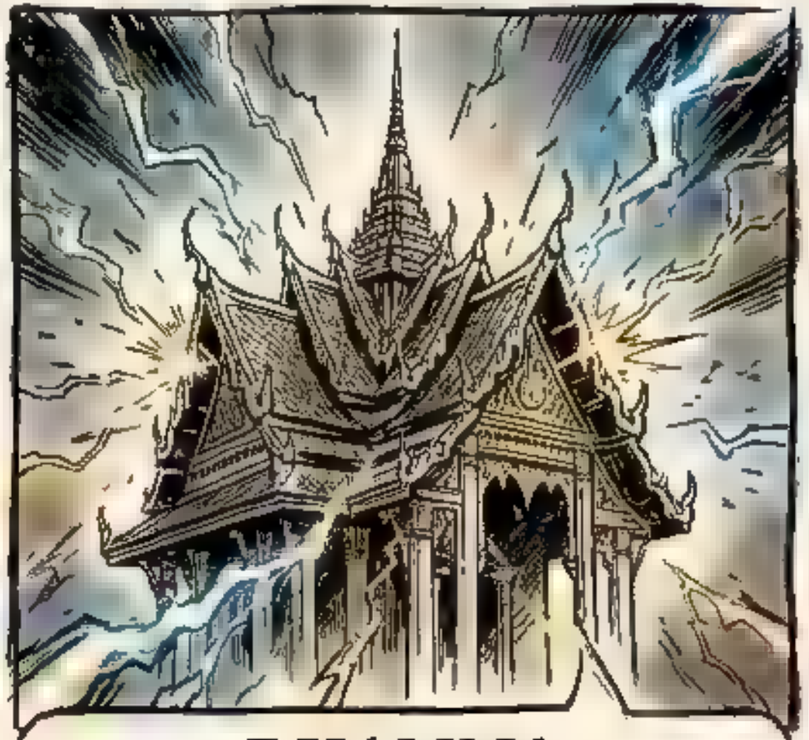
THE PILLARS OF INTERVENTION



HUMANITARIAN RESCUES

Focus: Crisis intervention and basic survival.

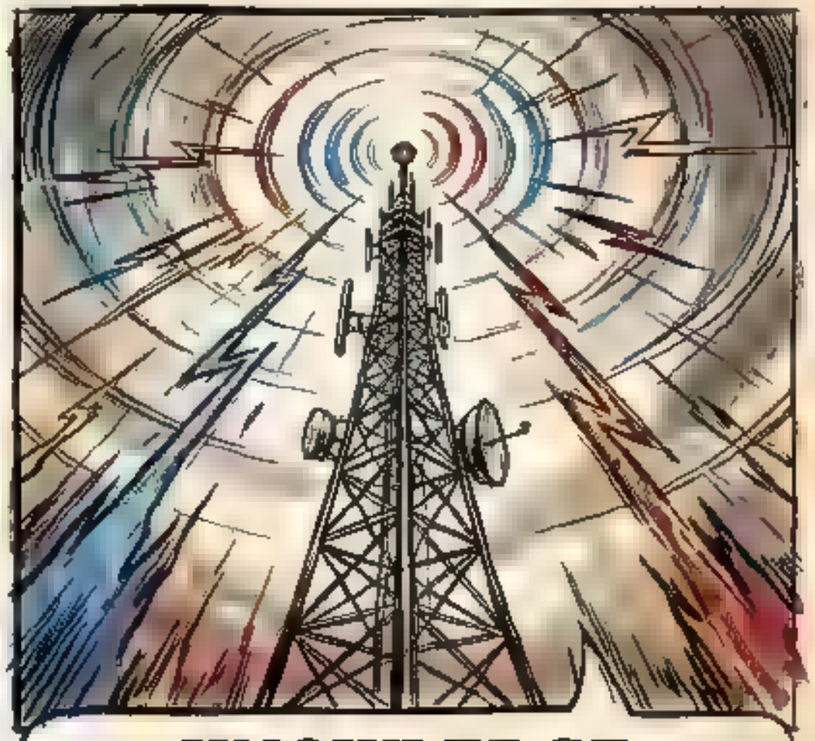
Key Actions: Maharagama Cancer Hospital funding (2013), Covid-19 dry rations for 60 families, meals for 40 Anagarika nuns, assisting the homeless.



DHAMMA INFRASTRUCTURE

Focus: Physical foundations for spiritual practice.

Key Actions: 10 jungle outhouses in Ampara, Fresno temple sanitation, wiring Samahita Thero's Dhamma Hall, Oxnard Stupa construction, Sambodhi Viharaya insurance.



KNOWLEDGE PROPAGATION

Focus: Preservation and mass communication of truth.

Key Actions: Rescuing Ola leaf manuscripts, restoring flooded Shraddha TV headquarters, broadcasting Wanchaka Dhamma, supplying MacBooks and broadband to hermitage monks.

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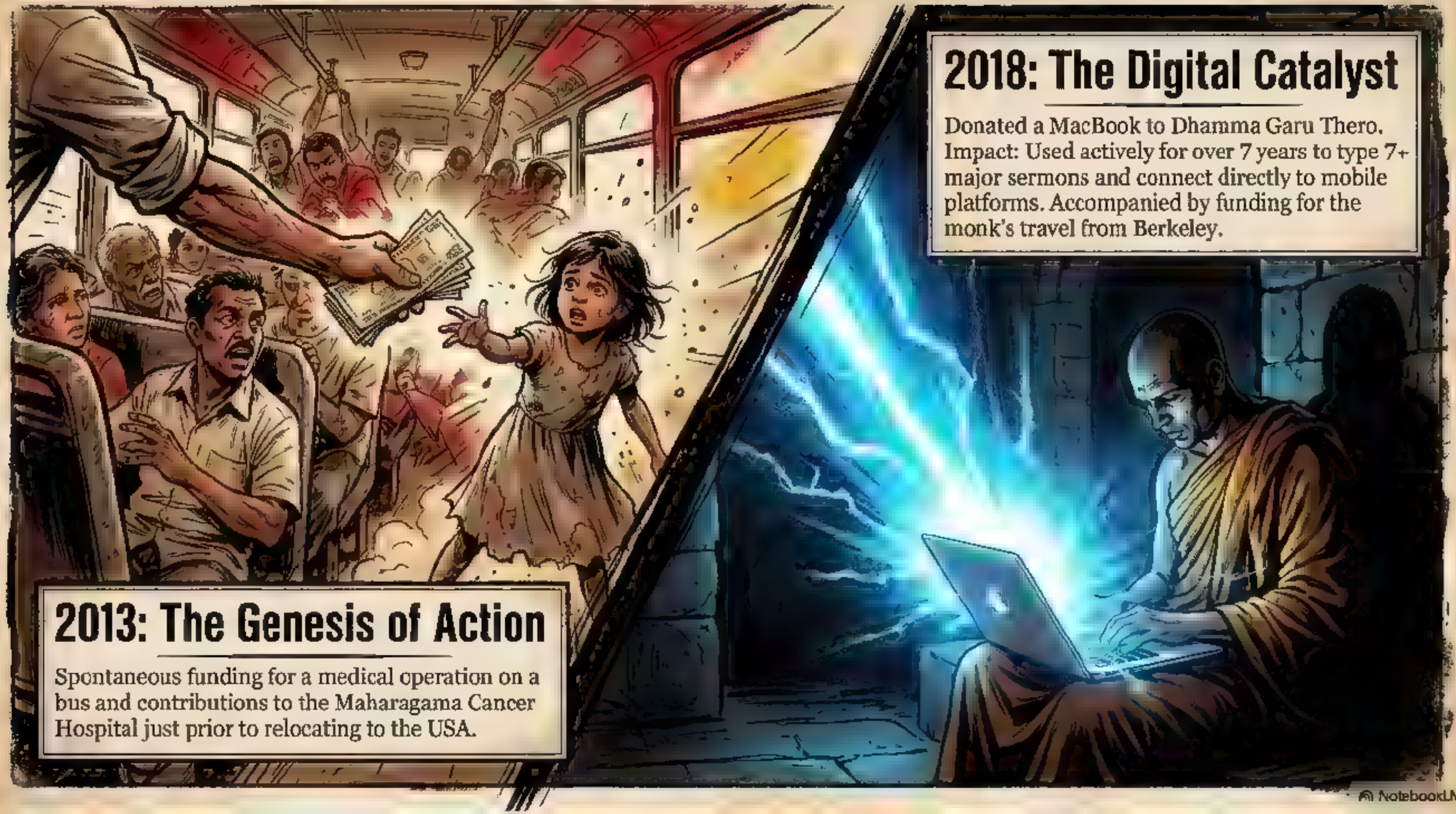
2013: The Genesis of Action
Spontaneous funding for a medical operation on a bus and contributions to the Maharagama Cancer Hospital just prior to relocating to the USA.
2018: The Digital Catalyst
Donated a MacBook to Dhamma Garu Thero. Impact: Used actively for over 7 years to type 7+ major sermons and connect directly to mobile platforms. Accompanied by funding for the monk's travel from Berkeley.

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2019: Foundation Building
Contributions to the newly constructed Oxnard Stupa and the Seela Suwanda following Galigamuwe Thero's Pasadena sermon.
2020: The Manuscript Rescue
Initiated by Kassapa Thero, urgent funding was provided to secure and protect vulnerable Ola leaf manuscripts (Puskola Poth) from loss.
Impact Data: This rescue required an investment equivalent to 5 Months of Sri Lankan Living Expenses. It sparked an ongoing UK-based digital scanning project for the ancient texts.

The Currency of Sacrifice

Rather than raw dollar amounts, the true weight of Punya Kriya is measured in the equivalent months of living expenses expenses dedicated to the cause. This diagnostic index showcases a massive proportion of personal wealth equivalence directed heroically toward sustaining the Dhamma.

Scale of Impact (SL-MLE)

Sambodhi Viharaya Insurance (2020) - 6 Months SL-MLE
Kinithulagala Hermitage Support (2022) - 6 Months SL-MLE
Shraddha TV Flood Rescue (2024) - 5.5 Months SL-MLE
Ola Leaf Preservation (2020) - 5 Months SL-MLE
Sudassa Thero Covid Relief (2021) - 3 Months SL-MLE

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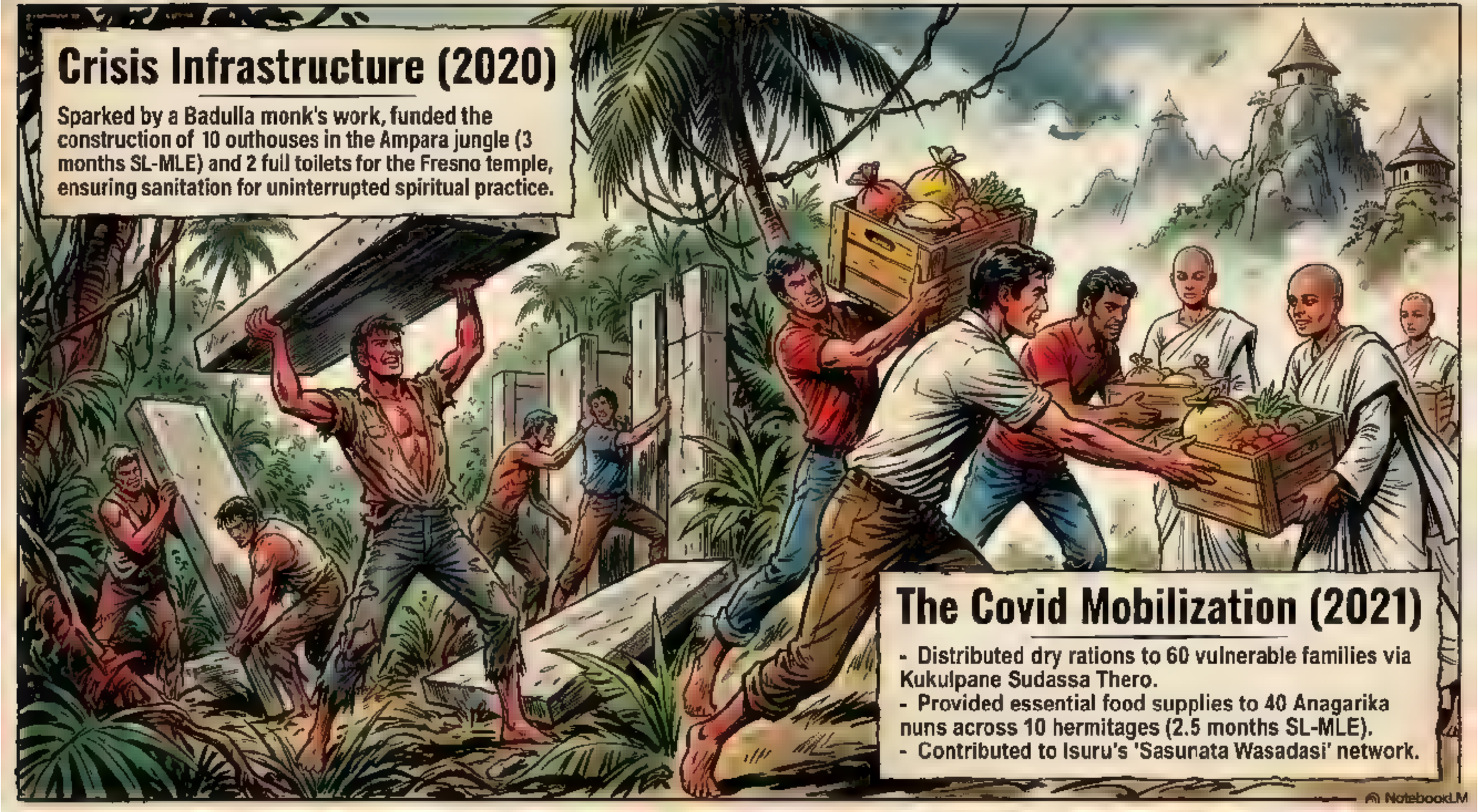
Crisis Infrastructure (2020)
Sparked by a Badulla monk's work, funded the construction of 10 outhouses in the Ampara jungle (3 months SL-MLE) and 2 full toilets for the Fresno temple, ensuring sanitation for uninterrupted spiritual practice.
The Covid Mobilization (2021)
- Distributed dry rations to 60 vulnerable families via Kukulpane Sudassa Thero.
- Provided essential food supplies to 40 Anagarika nuns across 10 hermitages (2.5 months SL-MLE).
- Contributed to Isuru's 'Sasunata Wasadasi' network.
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Broadcasting the Dhamma (2021)
Sponsored 6 critical TV sermons via Sudheerananda Thero. Dramatically boosted the Patthana Dhamma audio library to ensure accessibility for the sick and elderly who rely on auditory faith.
Textual & Institutional Support
- Donated 9 complete sets of Renukane Thero's books (9 volumes per set) to rural hermitages.
- Provided foundational funding (0.5 months SL-MLE) for Rohana Kiththi Thero's Mahanawa English Dhamma Center in Colombo, establishing a vital hub for English-language Uposatha programs.

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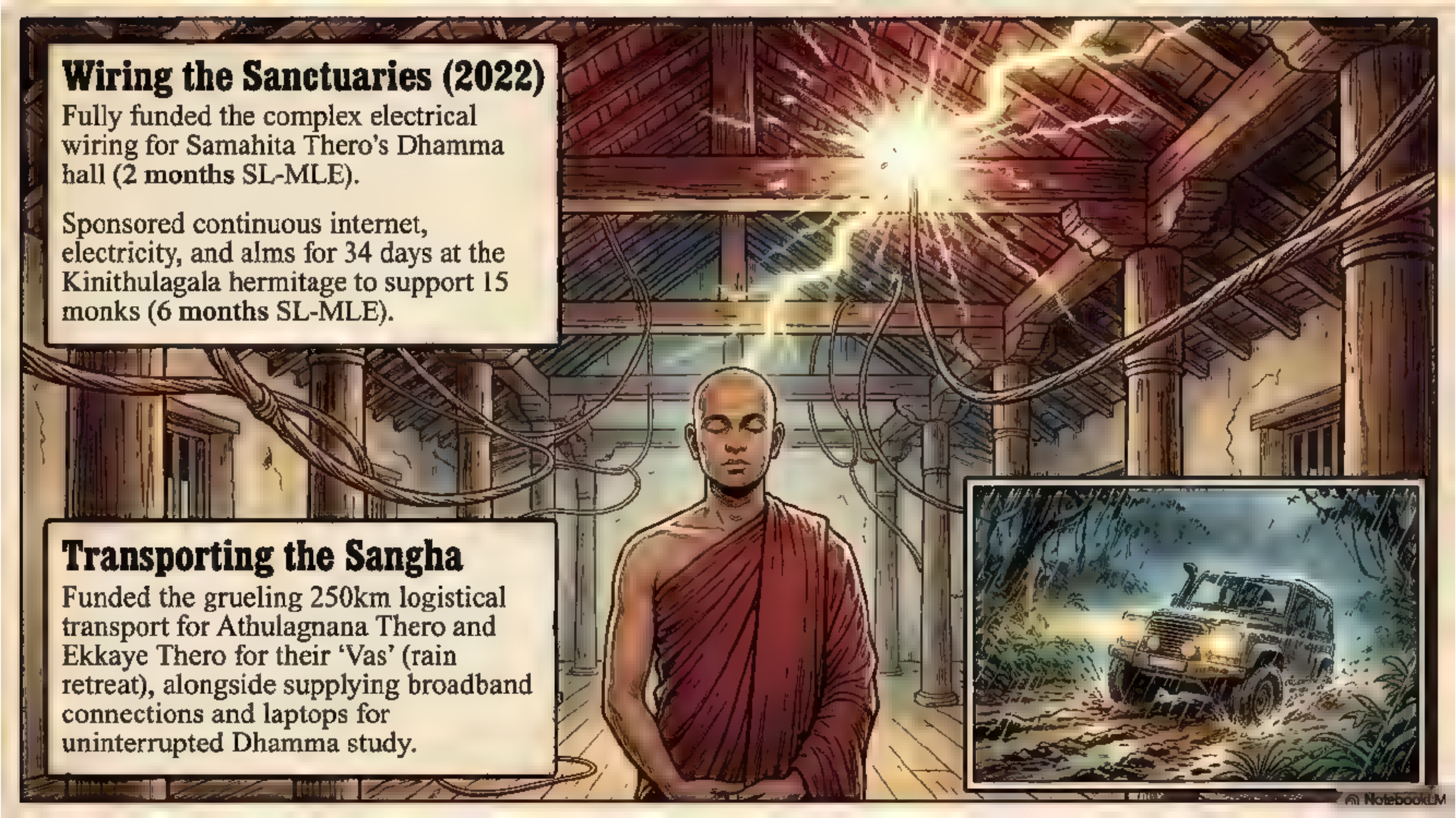
Wiring the Sanctuaries (2022)

Fully funded the complex electrical wiring for Samahita Thero's Dhamma hall (**2 months** SL-MLE).

Sponsored continuous internet, electricity, and alms for 34 days at the Kinithulagala hermitage to support 15 monks (**6 months** SL-MLE).



Transporting the Sangha

Funded the grueling 250km logistical transport for Athulagnana Thero and Ekkaye Thero for their 'Vas' (rain retreat), alongside supplying broadband connections and laptops for uninterrupted Dhamma study.

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The Broadcast of Truth (July-Sept 2022)

Sponsored massive TV sermons addressing Wanchaka Dhamma (deceptive mental states). Impact: Directly facilitated the translation of these complex teachings into English for the Dhamma Audio Library. Invited Samahita Thero for 5 specific sermons on Puggala Pannatti.

USA Sangha Logistics

Managed the physical presence and comfort of traveling monks. Booked double bedrooms at a California Heritage Center for Chandananda Thero and Asapuwa monks. Coordinated massive logistics and cost-sharing for Vinaya chanting events hosting 200–400 monks.

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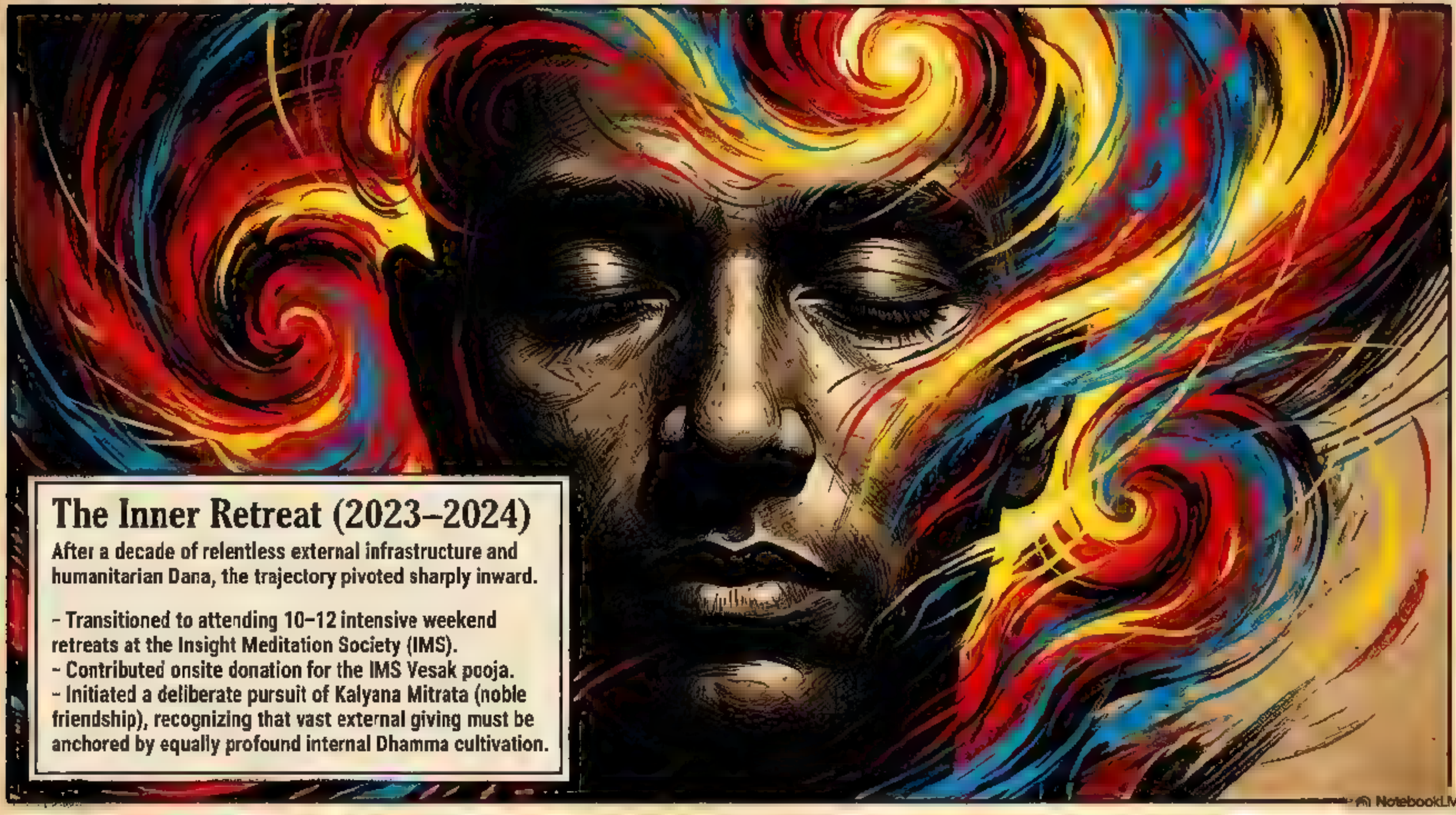
The Inner Retreat (2023–2024)
After a decade of relentless external infrastructure and humanitarian Dana, the trajectory pivoted sharply inward.
- Transitioned to attending 10–12 intensive weekend retreats at the Insight Meditation Society (IMS).
- Contributed onsite donation for the IMS Vesak pooja.
- Initiated a deliberate pursuit of Kalyana Mitrata (noble friendship), recognizing that vast external giving must be anchored by equally profound internal Dhamma cultivation.
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Battling the Deluge: The Shraddha TV Rescue (2024)

- **Context:** The headquarters of Shraddha TV—a vital broadcast network—suffered a catastrophic secondary flood. Subodhi Thero signaled an urgent need for intervention.
- **The Action:** Initiated by 'Thilini,' funded 1/50th of the entire massive flood restoration project.
- **The Scale:** This single act required the equivalent of 5-6 Months of Sri Lankan Living Expenses, enabling a complete redesign of the infrastructure to withstand future disasters.

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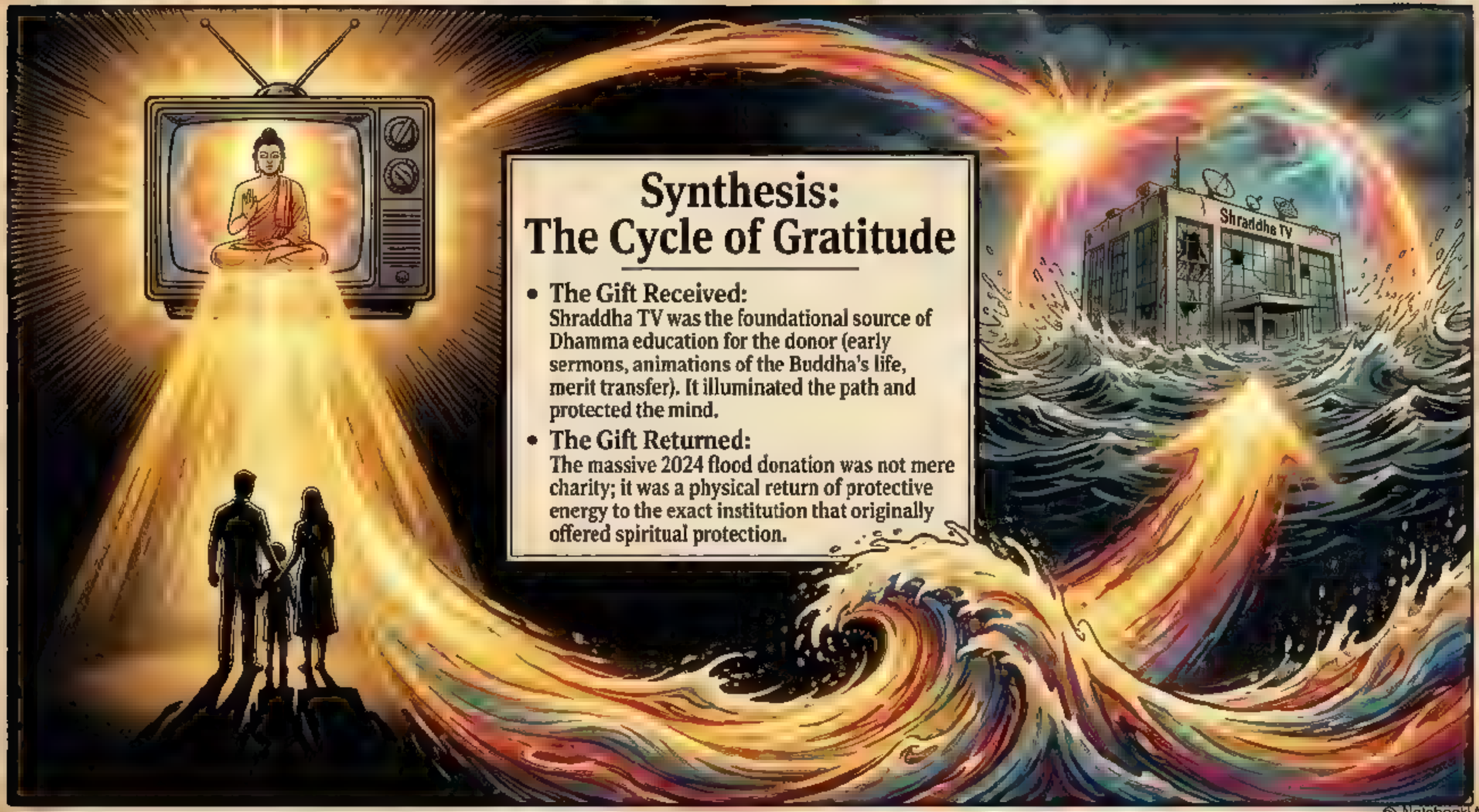
Synthesis:
The Cycle of Gratitude
• The Gift Received:
Shraddha TV was the foundational source of Dhamma education for the donor (early sermons, animations of the Buddha's life, merit transfer). It illuminated the path and protected the mind.
• The Gift Returned:
The massive 2024 flood donation was not mere charity; it was a physical return of protective energy to the exact institution that originally offered spiritual protection.
Shraddha TV
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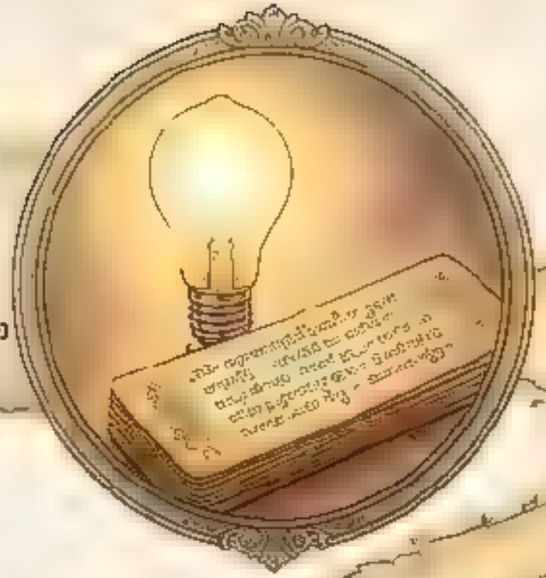

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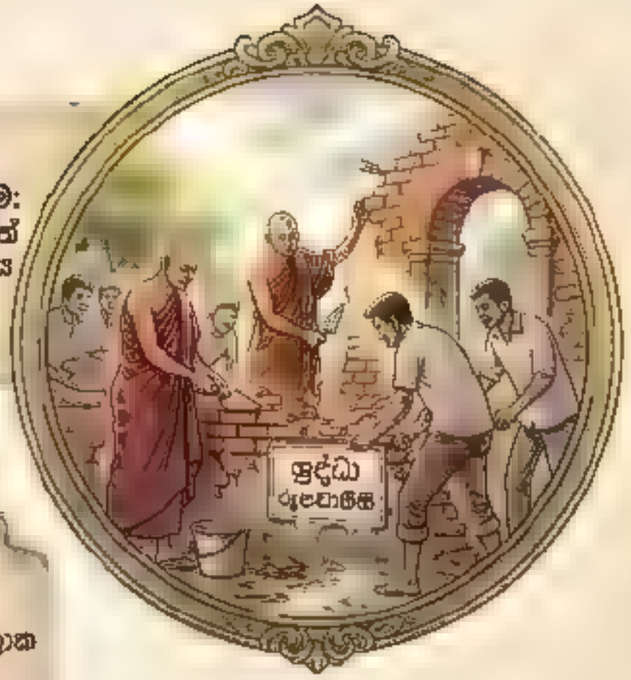

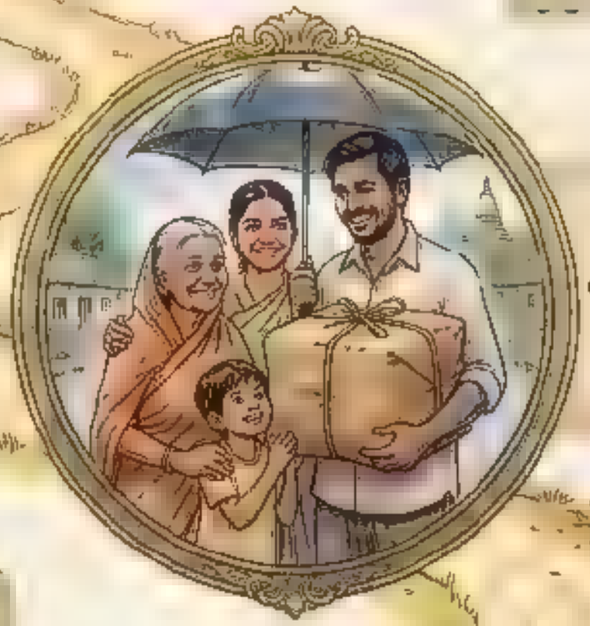

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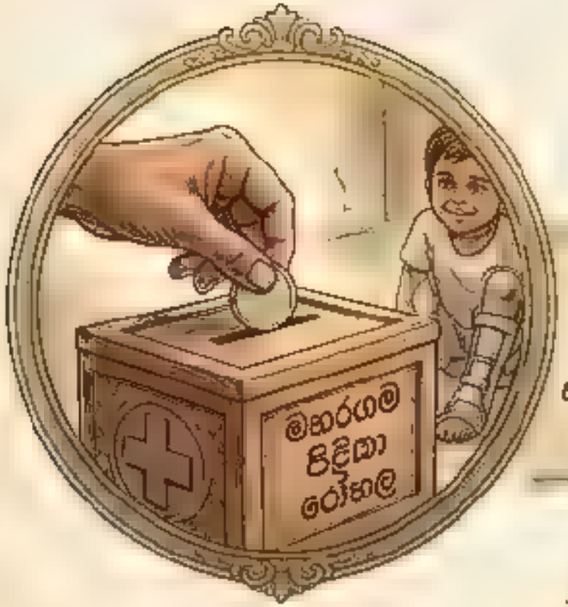

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1. ධර්ම ප්‍රචාරය හා තාක්ෂණය: අන්තර්ජාල පහසුකම්, පරිගණක සහ රූපවාහිනී මාධ්‍ය ඔස්සේ ධර්මය සමාජගත කිරීම.

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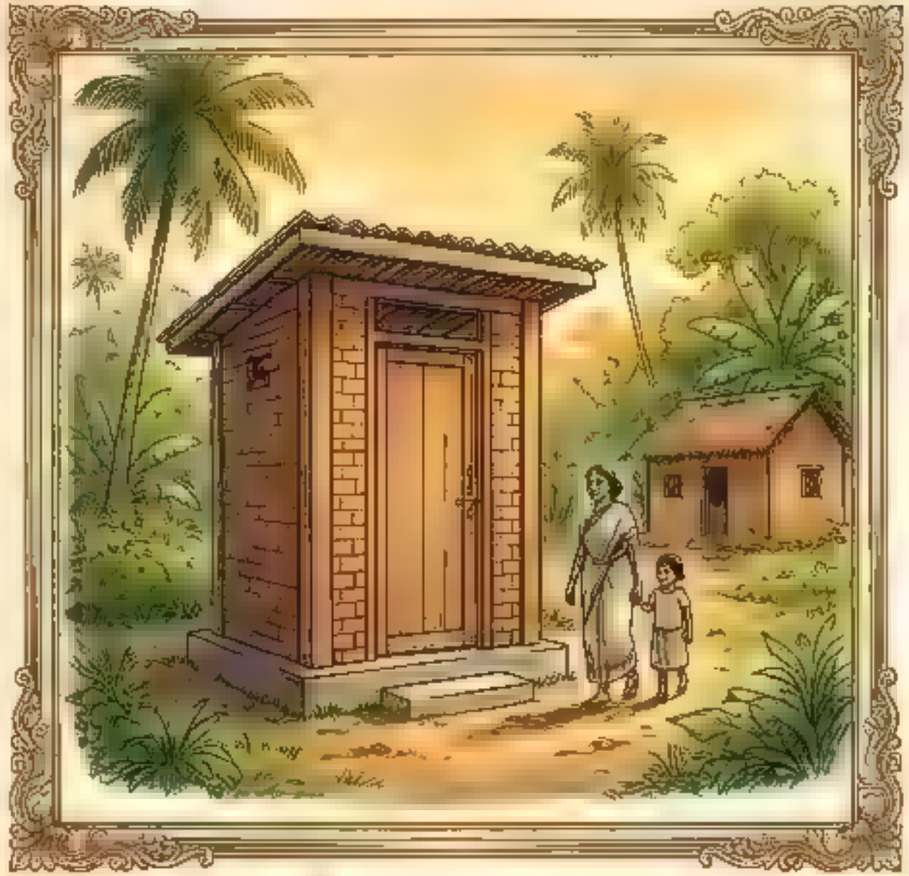

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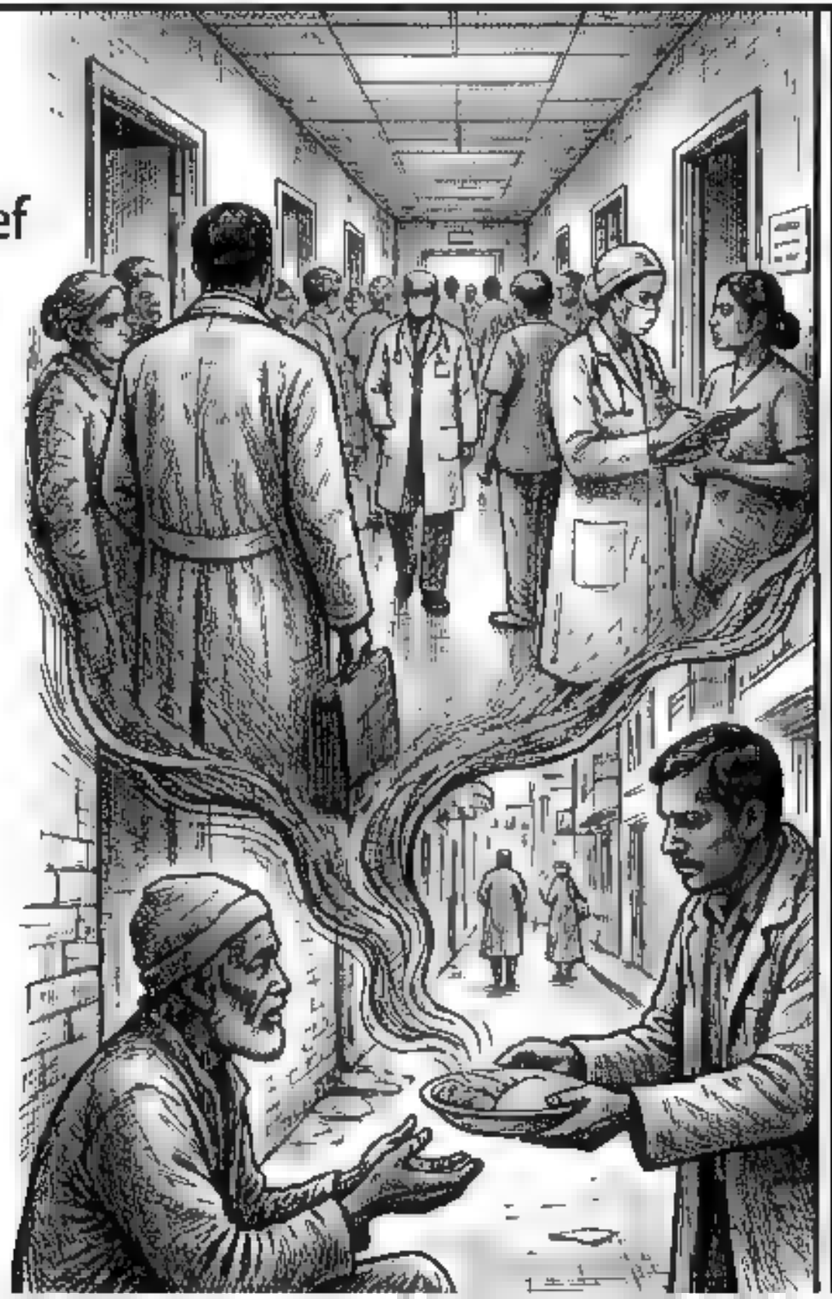
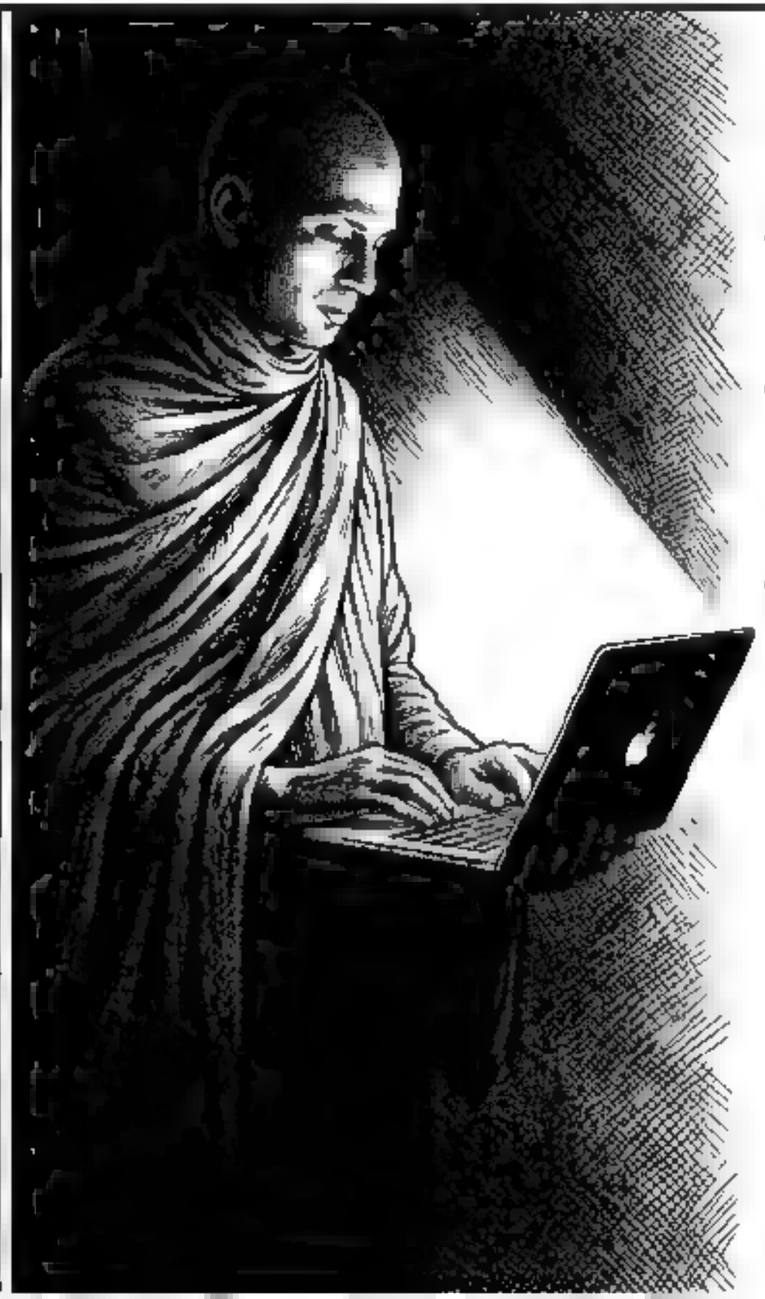
The Seeds of Compassion (2013–2018)

2013 | Ad-Hoc Relief

- Funded a leg operation for a young woman encountered on a bus.
- Financial aid to the Maharagama Cancer Hospital prior to relocating to the US.





2018 | The Digital Shift

- Humanitarian: Cash and food aid for the homeless at Walmart.
- Monastic Support: Funded travel expenses for a monk visiting Berkeley.
- Dhamma Propagation: Sponsoring a MacBook for Ven. Dhammagaru Thero.

  Impact: Used continuously for over 7 years to type Dhamma sermons, directly directly bridging technology technology and spiritual outreach.

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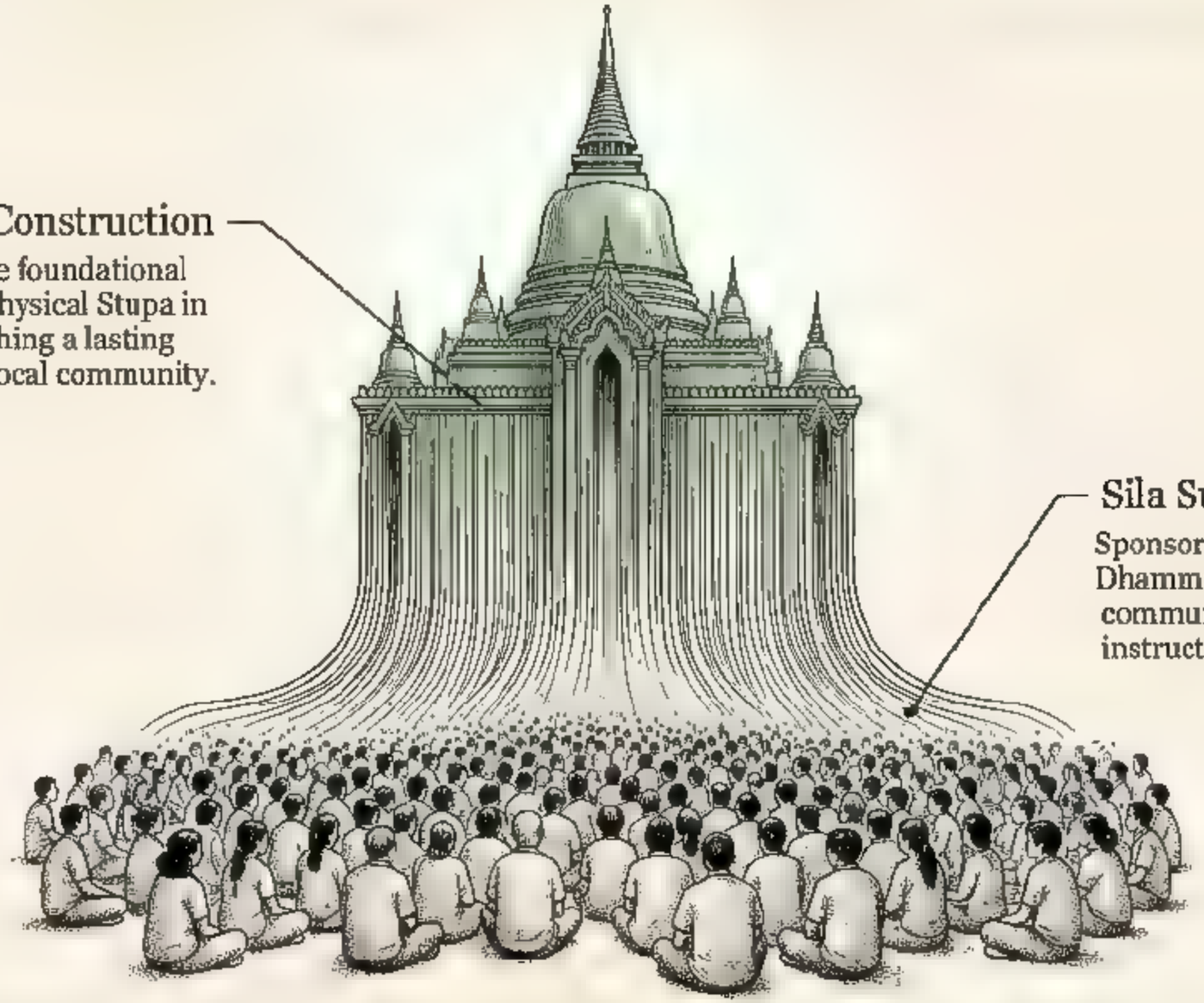
Foundations of Faith (2019)

Oxnard Stupa Construction

Contributed to the foundational building of a new physical Stupa in Oxnard, establishing a lasting monument for the local community.



Sila Suwanda in Pasadena

Sponsored Ven. Galigamuwe Thero's Dhamma sermon, facilitating a major community gathering and spiritual instruction event in California.

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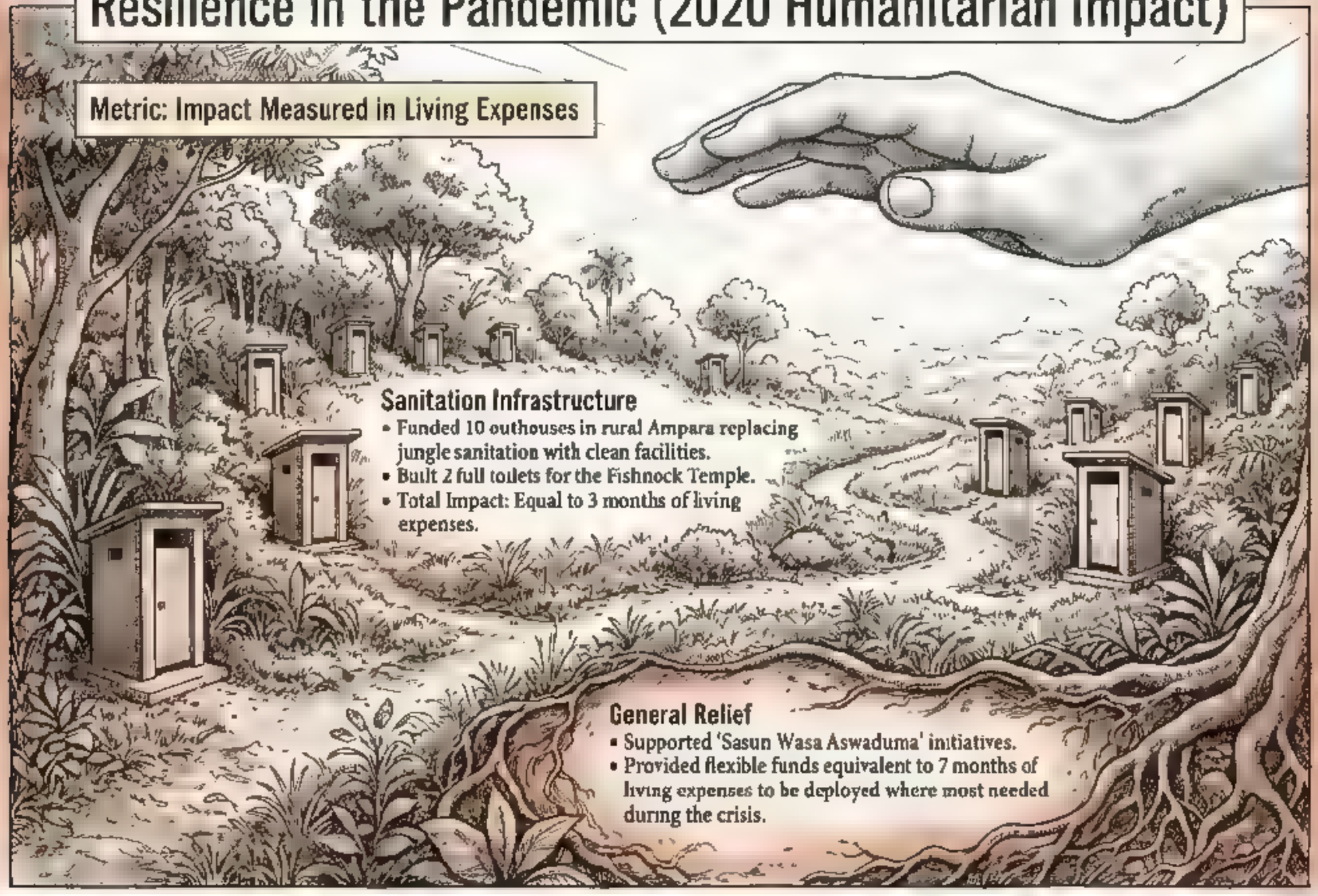
Resilience in the Pandemic (2020 Humanitarian Impact)


Metric: Impact Measured in Living Expenses
Sanitation Infrastructure
• Funded 10 outhouses in rural Ampara replacing jungle sanitation with clean facilities.
• Built 2 full toilets for the Fishnock Temple.
• Total Impact: Equal to 3 months of living expenses.
General Relief
• Supported 'Sasun Wasa Aswaduma' initiatives.
• Provided flexible funds equivalent to 7 months of living expenses to be deployed where most needed during the crisis.

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Preserving the Sacred (2020 Dhamma Impact)

The Bridge to Digital

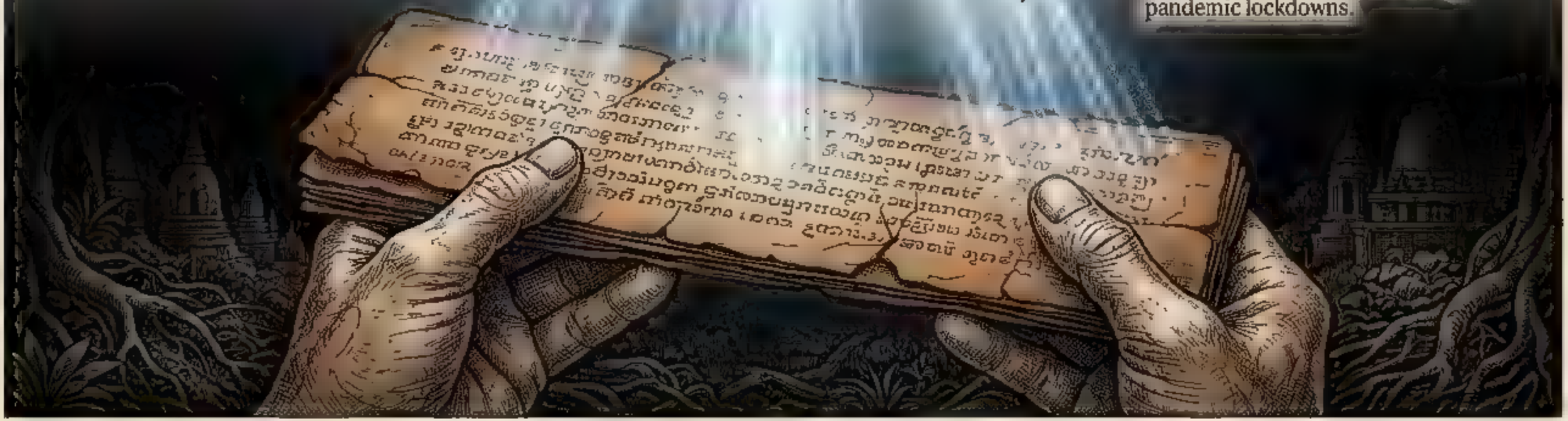
This initial preservation (funding equal to 5 months of living expenses) laid the groundwork for a future international scanning project to digitize these irreplaceable texts in the UK.

The Rescue of Antiquity

Partnered with Ven. Kassapa to rescue and secure at-risk ancient Ola-leaf (Puskola) manuscripts.

Sustaining Local Practice

Fully sponsored 6 months of insurance and operational expenses for the Awabodhi Viharaya in California, ensuring the survival of the physical temple space during pandemic lockdowns.



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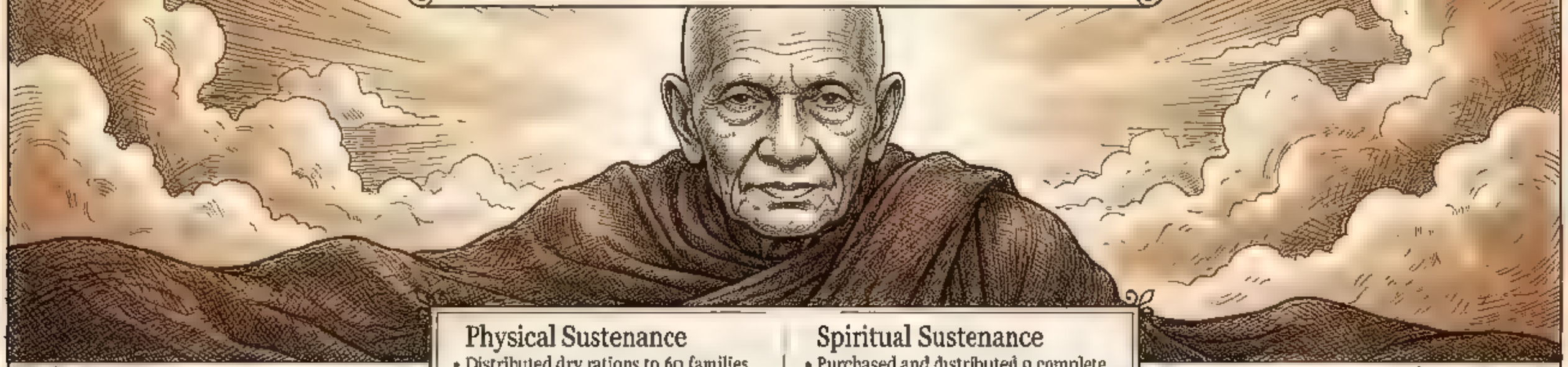
Sustaining Life & Wisdom (2021)

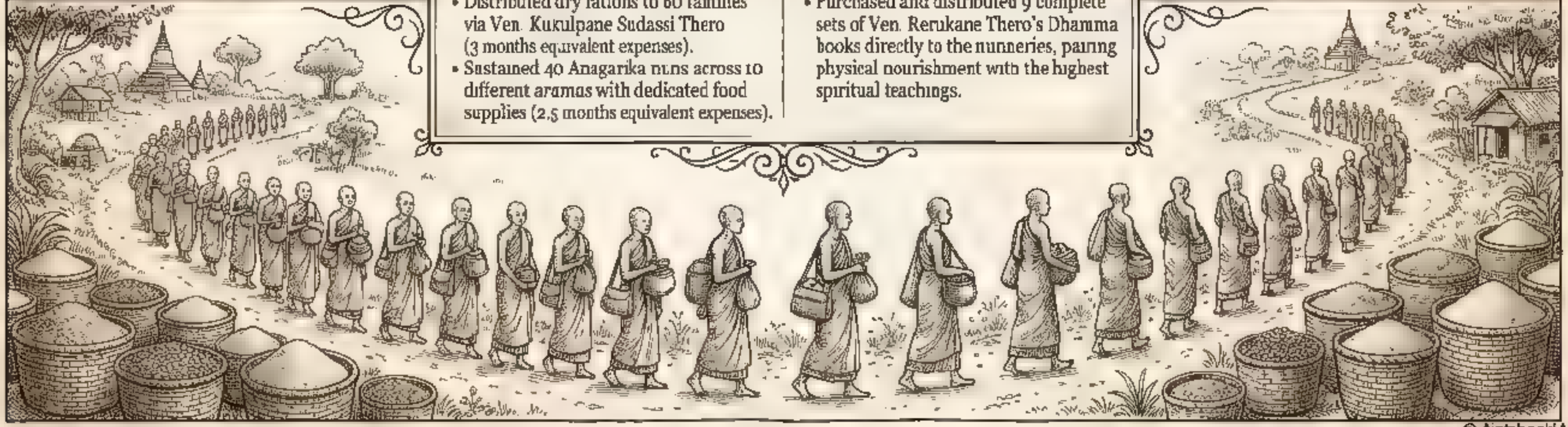


Physical Sustenance

- Distributed dry rations to 60 families via Ven. Kukulpane Sudassi Thero (3 months equivalent expenses).
- Sustained 40 Anagarika nuns across 10 different aramas with dedicated food supplies (2.5 months equivalent expenses).

Spiritual Sustenance

- Purchased and distributed 9 complete sets of Ven. Rerukane Thero's Dhamma books directly to the nunneries, pairing physical nourishment with the highest spiritual teachings.



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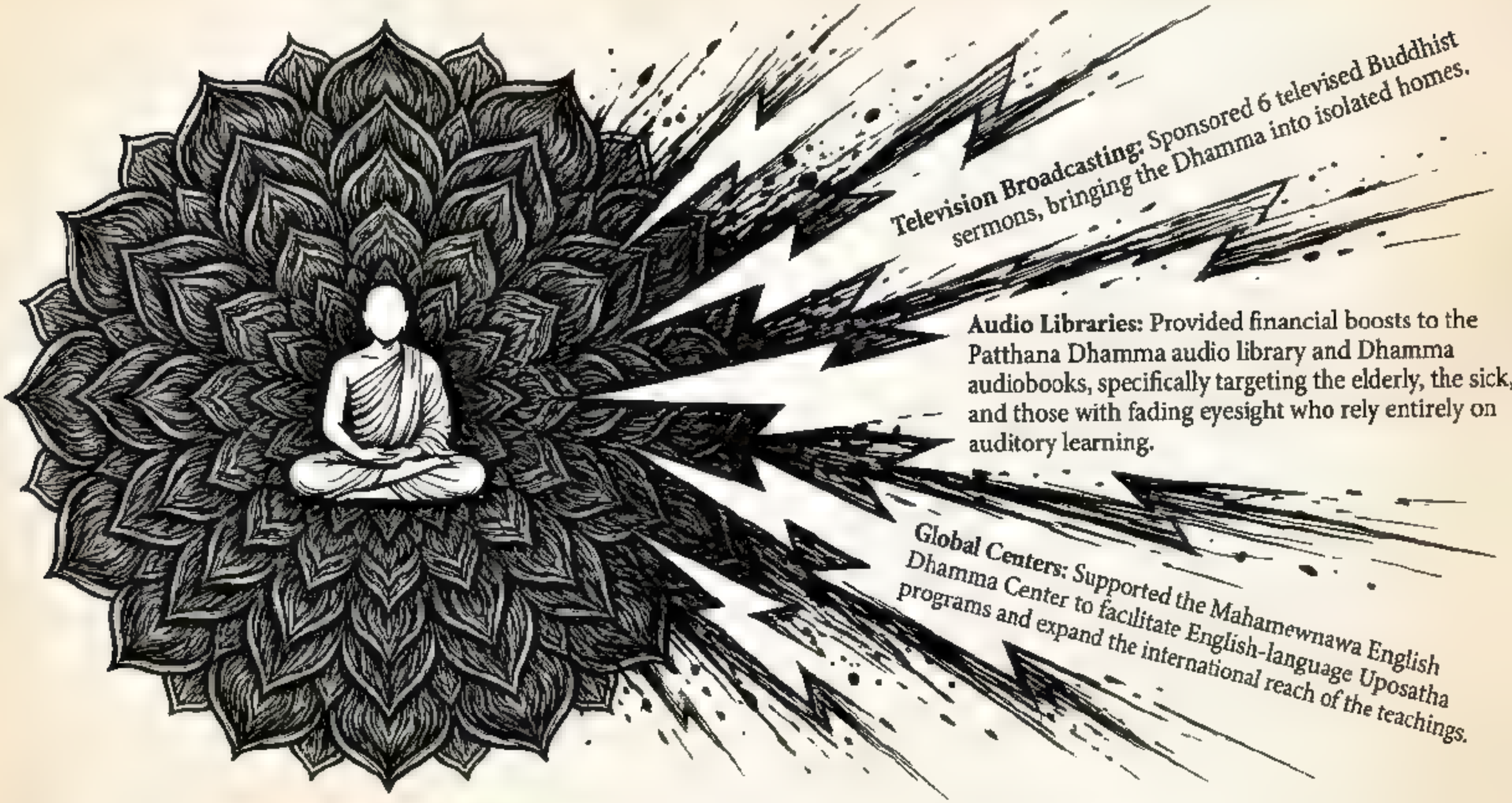
Amplifying the Voice (2021 Media & Digital)



Television Broadcasting: Sponsored 6 televised Buddhist sermons, bringing the Dhamma into isolated homes.

Audio Libraries: Provided financial boosts to the Patthana Dhamma audio library and Dhamma audiobooks, specifically targeting the elderly, the sick, and those with fading eyesight who rely entirely on auditory learning.

Global Centers: Supported the Mahamewnawa English Dhamma Center to facilitate English-language Uposatha programs and expand the international reach of the teachings.

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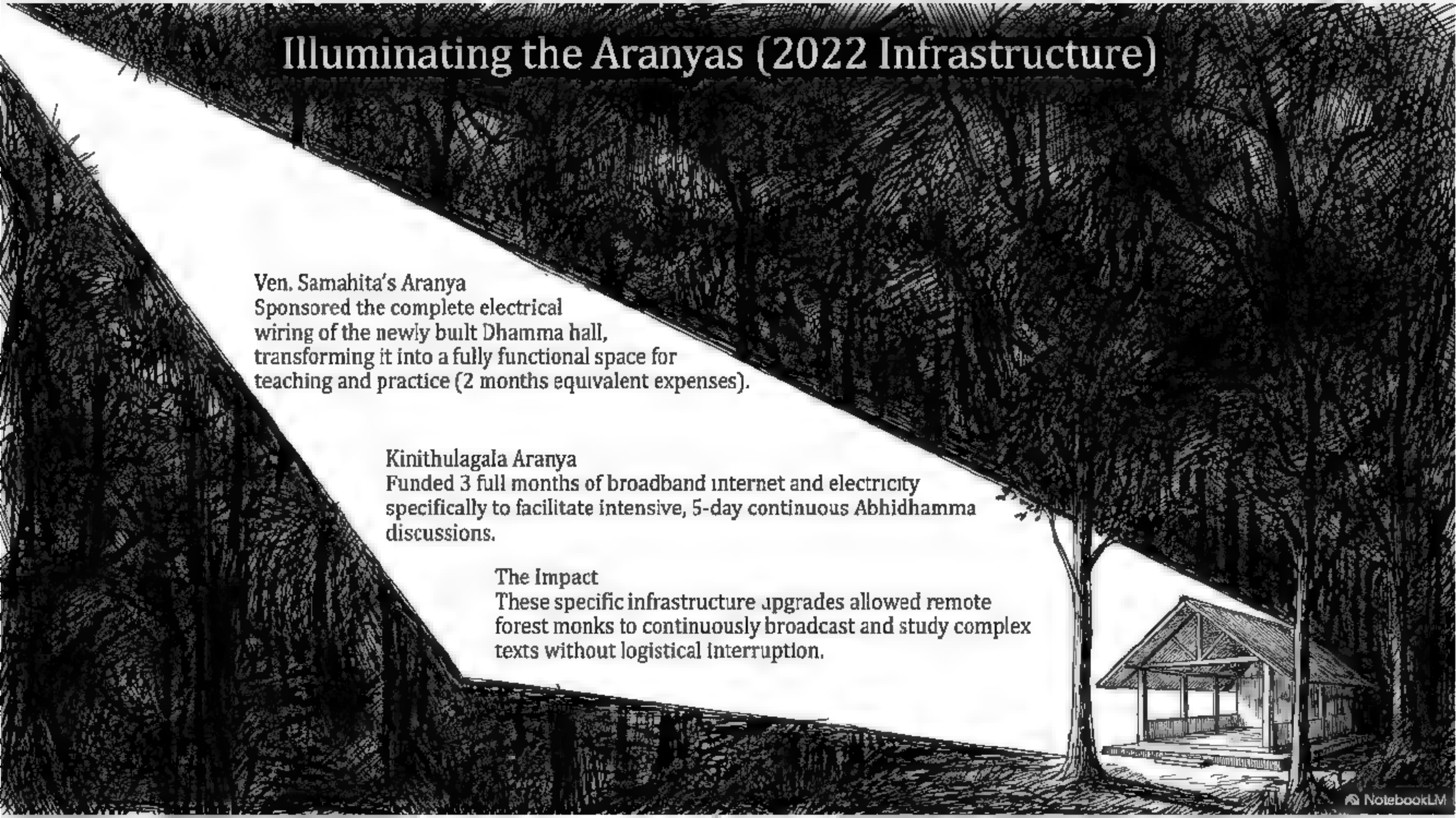
Illuminating the Aranyas (2022 Infrastructure)



Ven. Samahita's Aranya
Sponsored the complete electrical wiring of the newly built Dhamma hall, transforming it into a fully functional space for teaching and practice (2 months equivalent expenses).

Kinithulagala Aranya
Funded 3 full months of broadband internet and electricity specifically to facilitate intensive, 5-day continuous Abhidhamma discussions.

The Impact
These specific infrastructure upgrades allowed remote forest monks to continuously broadcast and study complex texts without logistical interruption.

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The Logistics of the Sangha (2022)

Air Travel
Funded emergency airfare (3 months equivalent expenses) for urgent return travel to Sri Lanka.

Overland Transport
Financed 250km of vehicle transport to ensure monks could safely reach their designated locations for the crucial Rain Retreats (Vassavana).

Accommodations
Booked double-bedroom accommodations at the Heritage Center for visiting monks and their drivers. This facilitated a massive Vinaya chanting event attended by 200–400 monastics, ensuring proper rest and facilities.

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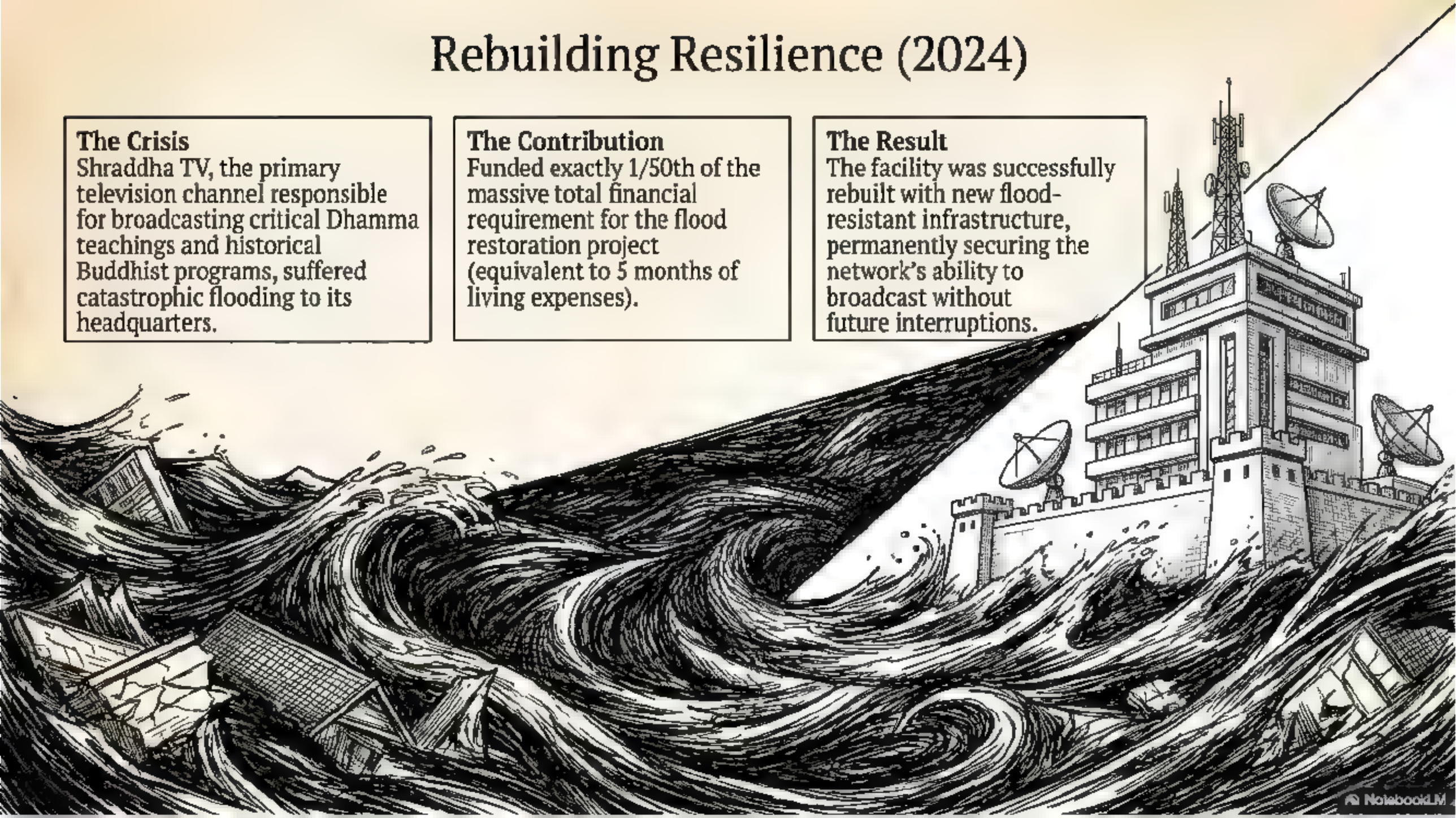
Rebuilding Resilience (2024)

The Crisis
Shraddha TV, the primary television channel responsible for broadcasting critical Dhamma teachings and historical Buddhist programs, suffered catastrophic flooding to its headquarters.

The Contribution
Funded exactly 1/50th of the massive total financial requirement for the flood restoration project (equivalent to 5 months of living expenses).

The Result
The facility was successfully rebuilt with new flood-resistant infrastructure, permanently securing the network's ability to broadcast without future interruptions.



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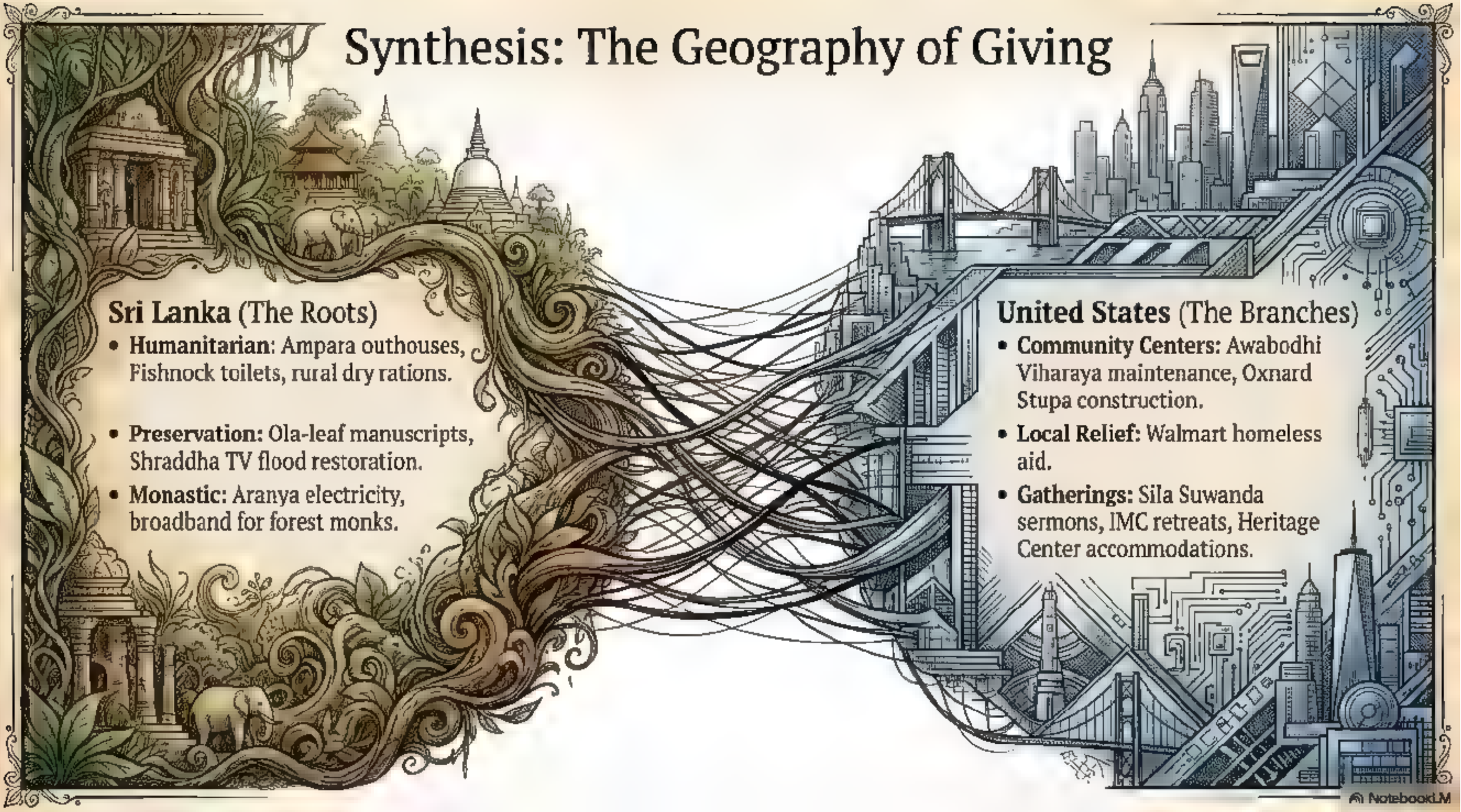
The Return to the Sangha (2024)

- **On-Site Reconnection**
  After three years of exclusively off-site, remote charitable support, 2024 marked a return to in-person retreats.
- **IMC Visakha Puja**
  Sponsored and attended the IMC Visakha Puja on-site retreat.
- **Kalyana Mitras**
  Rekindled vital connections with "Kalyana Mitras" (noble friends) and returned to the foundational roots of direct, physical community practice that first inspired the decade of giving.

Synthesis: The Geography of Giving



Sri Lanka (The Roots)

- **Humanitarian**: Ampara outhouses, Fishnock toilets, rural dry rations.
- **Preservation:** Ola-leaf manuscripts, Shraddha TV flood restoration.
- **Monastic:** Aranya electricity, broadband for forest monks.

United States (The Branches)

- **Community Centers:** Awabodhi Viharaya maintenance, Oxnard Stupa construction.
- **Local Relief:** Walmart homeless aid.
- **Gatherings:** Sila Suwanda sermons, IMC retreats, Heritage Center accommodations.

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The Evolution of Support

Phase 1: Immediate Relief (2013-2018)

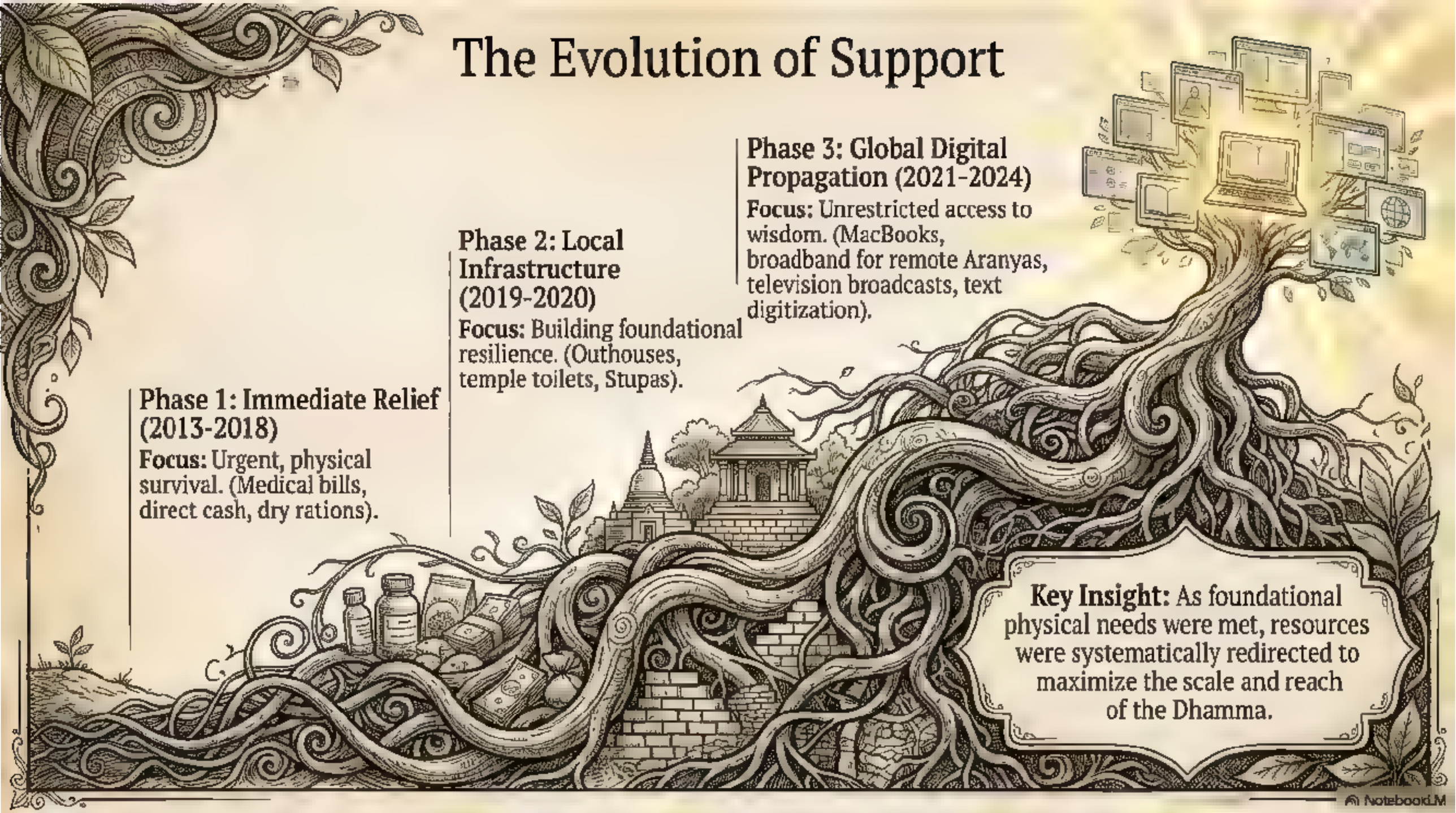
Focus: Urgent, physical survival. (Medical bills, direct cash, dry rations).

Phase 2: Local Infrastructure (2019-2020)

Focus: Building foundational resilience. (Outhouses, temple toilets, Stupas).

Phase 3: Global Digital Propagation (2021-2024)

Focus: Unrestricted access to wisdom. (MacBooks, broadband for remote Aranyas, television broadcasts, text digitization).



Key Insight: As foundational physical needs were met, resources were systematically redirected to maximize the scale and reach of the Dhamma.

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The Enduring Legacy of Punya Karma

The Unbroken Chain

A decade of giving reveals that structured, consistent generosity bridges the most basic human needs with the highest spiritual propagation.

The Ultimate Merit

Whether building a rural outhouse or funding a digital broadcast, the true nature of Punya Karma remains the same: every act of selfless giving simultaneously benefits the world and irrevocably purifies the mind.

Early acts planted seeds of knowledge and physical healing.

Physical Care *(2013)*

Funding a leg operation for a young girl met on a bus, alongside direct contributions to the Manaragama Cancer Hospital and local orphanages.

The Gift of Words *(2018)*

Providing a MacBook to Ven. Dhammagaru. Over the next 7-8 years, this single device was used to type and format over 700 sermons.

Removing Barriers *(2018)*

Funding travel expenses for Ven. Dhammagaru to visit Berkeley for Dhamma work, alongside quiet financial support for a homeless individual at Walmart.

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Building physical sanctuaries and rescuing ancient texts defined the turn of the decade.

Providing Dignity in Practice

Funded the construction of 10 essential outhouses in Ampara for those living without facilit es, and built 2 full toilets at the Fresno temple to support clean, dignified Dhamma practice. Supported the new Stupa in Oxnard (2019).

Sustaining Centers of Learning

Fully funded one month of insurance and expenses for Awabodhi Vihara to honor their alms programs, and financed 7 months of l ving expenses for Sasun Dawsda Aswadduma.

Preserving the Past

Funded 5 months of expenses to successfully rescue ancient Ola leaf (Puskola) manuscripts from Muslim possession. This initial rescue catalyzed a larger, ongoing internationa. scanning project in the UK

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The pandemic years required immediate sustenance in the shadows.

Nourishing the Sangha (COVID Relief)

Funded 3 months of dry rations for 60 struggling families (via Ven. Sudassa).

Financed 2.5 months of food supplies for 40 Anagarika nuns distributed across 10 ashrams.

Supported Mahanawa Engl'sh Dhamma Center during critical development phases.

Spreading the Word

Donated 9 complete sets of Ven. Rerukane's books to nunneries for deep study.

Sponsored 6 broadcasts on Buddhist TV (via Ven. Sudheerananda).

Boosted Anantha Patthana chanting on the Dhamma Audio Library to bring psychological solace to the sick and elderly during lockdown.

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Literal light and digital bridges connected practitioners across vast distances.
Aloka Pooja
The Offering of Light
Fully funded the wiring and electricity to complete Ven. Samahita's Dhamma Hall, enabling sermons like the Puggala Pannatti.
The Digital Bridge
Funded broadband internet and electricity for Kinithulagala Aranya for 3 months, facilitating continuous, 5-day Abhidhamma discussions.
Shelter for the Journey
Provided 250km of transport for a monk observing Vassa. Funded airfare for Ven. Chandananda, and provided double-bedroom sanctuary at the Heritage Inn for monks traveling for mass Vinaya chanting (200+ monks).

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Restoring physical foundations ensured the future resilience of the Dhamma

Shraddha TV Flood Restoration

Shraddha TV's broadcasts and animations were deeply foundational to the donor's early spiritual journey. When their headquarters suffered severe flood damage, the donor stepped in to fund exactly 1/50th of the total massive restoration project, easing the burden on Ven. Subodh and ensuring future climate resilience.

Returning to the Source

After years of remote support, donations shifted back to on-site practice at IMC for Vesak retreats, returning to the physical roots of meditation.

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The architecture of merit reveals how quiet investments multiply.

The Tool
MacBook Donated (2018)

Multiplies into

700+ typed and distributed sermons

The Rescue
5 Months of Ola-Leaf Funding (2020)

Multiplies into

An ongoing international scanning project in the UK

The Infrastructure
3 Months of Broadband (2022)

Multiplies into

Uninterrupted 5-day Abhidhamma teachings

The Restoration
1/50th of Flood Repair (2024)

Multiplies into

The permanent resilience of mass Dhamma broadcasting

Merit is not a static ledger; it is a living, breathing light that expands as it is shared.

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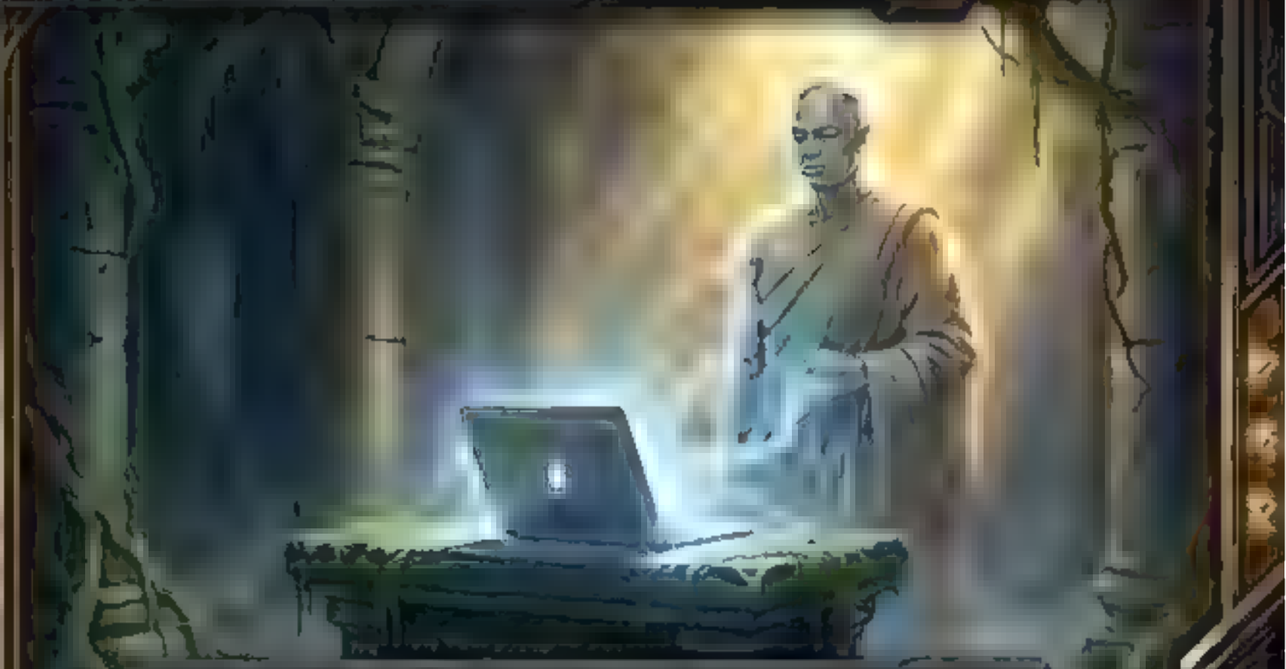
The First Light: Humanitarian and Spiritual Foundations

Healing the Physical Body (2013)

- Funded a critical leg operation for a young woman encountered on a bus.
- Provided financial support to the Maharagama Cancer Hospital.
- Directly sustained a homeless individual outside Walmart with cash and food (2018).



The First Artifact of Dhamma (2018)

- Gifted a MacBook to Dhamma Garu Thero at the Sherman Way residence.
- Impact: Served as the primary tool to type and broadcast Dhamma sermons for 7–8 years, actively connecting to mobile devices to spread teachings.
- Sponsored the Thero's foundational travel from Berkeley to Los Angeles.

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Raising Sanctuaries Amidst the Storm (2019–2020)

Pillar 1: Shelter & Hygiene

Constructed 10 essential outhouses in Ampara, providing clean sanitation for the impoverished and forest monks

- Built 2 complete restroom facilities at the Fresno temple.

Pillar 2: Monastic Sustenance

Prov ded 7 instances of half-month living stipends to the 'Sasun Wadasitina' monastic order v a Isuru.

- Given with pure intent (Upekkhā), allowing monks full discretion over the funds of funds without donor attachment.

Pillar 3: Temple Fortification

Sponsored a new Stupa in Oxnard and supported Gal gamuwe Thero's Seela Suwanda sermon in Pasadena (2019).

- Sponsored 6 full months of temp e insurance for Bodhi Viharaya in California as gratitude for facilitating 7, 18, and 30-day Danas.

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Rescuing the Ancient Tomes

The Vulnerability: Sacred Ola leaf manuscripts (Puskola Poth) were discovered in unsafe conditions, held by external groups, risking the loss of ancient knowledge.

The Intervention: Partnered with Kassapa Thero, committing funds equivalent to 5 months of Sri Lankan living expenses to secure, purchase, and protect the texts.

The Eternal Legacy: This rescue sparked a massive manuscript scanning project. Kassapa Thero has since taken this initiative to the UK, digitizing the Dhamma for future generations globally.

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Sustaining the Guardians (2021)

Humanitarian Pandemic Relief

- Funded a comprehensive 3-month dry ration distribution program for 60 families devastated by Covid-19 lockdowns, coordinated through Sudassa Thero.

Supporting the Hermitage Nuns

- Provided essential food rations for 40 Anagarika nuns distributed across 10 remote hermitages (equivalent to 2.5 months SL living expenses).

- Donated 9 complete sets of Renukane Thero's invaluable Dhamma books directly to these hermitages

- Sponsored the Mahanawa English Dhamma Center under Rohana Kiththi Thero, enabling bilingual Uposatha programs and global Dhamma accessibility.

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The Digital Enlightenment (2021–2022)
Illuminating the Halls:
Funded the complete electrical wiring for Samahita Thero's Dhamma Hall, a total "Aloka Pooja" to finalize the sanctuary.
Connecting the Hermitage:
- Sponsored 3 months of broadband and electricity for Kinithulagala hermitage.
- Enabled a continuous 5-day Abhidhamma discussion program and supported daily Danas for 15 monks across June, July, and August.
Broadcasting Wisdom:
Sponsored 6 specific Dhamma sermons on Buddhist TV by Sudheerananda Thero.
- Boosted Patthana Dhamma chanting audio to reach the elderly and sick.
- Funded massive 'Vanchaka Dhamma' (self-deception) TV broadcasts to elevate societal understanding.
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Facilitating the Journey: Mass Logistics as Merit (2022)

- ✓ [RUNE] The Vas Retreat Transport: Sponsored a 250km journey for Athula Gnana Thero and a Burmese monk to safely reach their Vas (rain retreat) destination.
- ✓ [RUNE] The Emergency Flight: Rapidly funded airfare (approx. $150k LKR equivalent) for Chandananda Thero to return to Sri Lanka following his guru's passing.
- ✓ [RUNE] Sanctuary in the City: Booked 2 double rooms at the Hyatt Regency to comfortably host Asapuwa monks and Nuwan for a major California Dhamma event.
- ✓ [RUNE] Mass Accommodations: Consistently secured lodging for 200 to 400 monks attending massive Vibhajjavada and Vinaya chanting assemblies across the US and Sri Lanka.

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The Great Restoration (2024)

The Catastrophe: Shraddha TV headquarters—the vital hub for Dhamma broadcasts, historical documentaries, and Buddhist animations—was devastated by a second massive flood.

The Intervention: Coordinated with Subhodhi Thero, personally covering 1/50th of the massive total cost required to rebuild the entire facility (equivalent to 5 months SL living expenses).

The Rebirth: The broadcasting center is now fully fortified against future floods, permanently relieving the monks' fundraising stress and ensuring the uninterrupted global flow of the Dhamma.

Personal Return: Inspired by this ongoing stream of Dhamma, the donor resumed attending onsite Vesak retreats at IMC after a 3-year gap, actively utilizing the newly restored facilities.

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The Alchemy of Giving: A Holistic Ecosystem of Merit

Axis 1: Āmisa Dāna
(Material Giving)

- **Survival:** 3-month Covid rations for 60 families; Maharagama Cancer hospital funding; direct homeless support.
- **Shelter & Hygiene:** 10 Ampara outhouses; 2 Fresno temple toilets; Oxnard Stupa construction; Bodhi Vihara insurance.
- **Sustenance:** Rations for 40 Anagarika nuns; 7 instances of monastic living stipends for Sasun Wadasitina.

Axis 2: Dhamma Dāna
(Spiritual Giving)

- **Preservation:** Rescuing Ola leaf manuscripts with Kassapa Thero; donating 9 sets of Renukane Thero's books.
- **Propagation:** MacBook for Dhamma Garu Thero; rebuilding Shraddha TV; sponsoring Vanchaka Dhamma broadcasts.
- **Access:** Broadband for Kinithulagala hermitage; Hyatt Regency hosting; emergency airfare for Chandananda Thero.

Synthesis Insight: True spiritual accumulation over the decade was achieved not by choosing one path, but by perfectly balancing the preservation of the physical body with the global propagation of the mind.

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The Endless Resonance

Upekkhā in Action: Funds were consistently given with pure intent and non-attachment, empowering monks with unmonitored stipends to deploy resources exactly where the Dhamma required them.

Extreme Adaptability: The giving seamlessly evolved to meet the era's exact needs—from immediate medical crises, to pandemic survival infrastructure, to cutting-edge digital broadcasting.

The Cycle Continues: The merit generated over this decade is not static. The restoration of Shraddha TV and ongoing onsite retreats ensure that this foundational decade is merely the prologue to a lifetime of Punyakarma.

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